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BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
of
NORTH CAROLINA
ONE HUNDRED-TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held With
Butters Baptist Church
October 27, 2003

and

Shady Grove Baptist Church
October 28, 2003

2004 ANNUAL SESSION WILL BE HELD AT:

Galeed Baptist Church
October 25, 2004

and

Northside Baptist Church
October 26, 2004

Preacher: Rev. J.S. (Bud) Parrish

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One Hundred-Twelfth Annual Session of the BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION October 27, 2003 - October 28, 2003

Theme: Building A Household of Faith (Ephesians 5:22-29. 6:1-4)

MONDAY EVENING - OCTOBER 27, 2003 Butters Baptist Church

The One Hundred-Twelfth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association met at Butters Baptist Church at 6:30 p.m. with dinner for the pastors, spouses and guest prior to the meeting.

Prior to the opening services Mr. Jason Atkinson, Associational Music Director, rendered musical selections on the piano.

Following the musical presentation, Rev. Mike Smith presented a video of World Changers who visited Bladen County July 5-12, 2003. There were two-hundred and sixty-one (261) youth, representing nine (9) states who came and worked on twenty-one (21) homes in the county. Rev. Smith commented on the mission that the World Changers did while here and reported that they will be returning on June 19-26, 2004. There were eight (8) who were won to Christ and thirteen (13) decisions by the participates to go into some type of vocational ministry. Rev. Smith thanked all the Bladen County churches who participated in helping the World Changers in many ways as they ministered here in Bladen County. He said that the World Changers' project for next year would need 30-32 homes to keep the workers busy and encouraged any of the churches who knew of any homes that needed outside repair work to let him, Rev. Randy Andrews or the associational office know. He also said that if any of the churches wanted to adopt a crew next year to let the associational office know. He would like to know of the houses that would need the repair work by March, 2004. Rev. Randy Andrews is the construction co-ordinator for the project. He also wanted everyone to pray for the project.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Richard Smith at 7:00 p.m. and the congregation sang the chorus, "The Family of God", led by Mr. Jason Atkinson. The Moderator recognized Rev. Merle Johnson, who welcomed everyone to Butters Baptist Church and led in prayer. The congregation sang the hymn, "Brethren, We Have Met To Worship".

ORGANIZATIONS:

ENROLLMENT OF MESSENGERS: The Clerk, Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, made a motion that these and any other messengers who might register later constitute the One-Hundred-Twelfth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association. There were fifty-one (51) messengers, nineteen (19) pastors and thirty-four (34) guest, making a total of one-hundred and four (104) present. The motion was seconded and approved.

ADOPTION OF PROGRAM: The clerk also moved the adoption of the program as printed. This motion was seconded and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MINISTERS: DOM Bruce Cannon recognized the following new pastors: Rev. Bruce Young, Bladenboro First; Rev. Jack Miller, Council; Rev. Larry West, Faith; Rev. Michael Skinner, Shady Grove; Rev. Mark Smith, Tar Heel; Rev. Boyd Britt, West Bladenboro; Rev. Kincey Barrow, Whites Creek; Rev. Jeff Kellum, Interim, White Oak; Rev. W.C. Baxley, Interim, Zion Hill; Rev. Tom Leonard, Interim, Briar Branch.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Moderator Smith recognized Dr. Michael Thompson who made the announcement that the New Beginnings Church would be brought before the session for acceptance into the association at tommorrow's meeting.

DOM Cannon passed out a leaflet entitled "Jesus Video Project" and he indicated that there would be a presentation on tomorrow night regarding this project. DOM Cannon also announced that tomorrow is the deadline for registering for the Region III Baptist Men Rally to be held at White Lake Baptist Church. The rally will be held on November 6, 2003. There will be a free meal provided and anyone interested in attending will need to call the convention tomorrow.

PREACHER & PLACE COMMITTEE: Moderator Smith appointed the following to this committee: Rev. Jimmy Strole, Rev. Ray Wilkins, and Rev. Chad Ivester. He said that anyone interested in having the session at their church next year to make contact with this committee.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: The Moderator Smith appointed the following to this committee: Rev. Cameron McGill and Dr. Michael Thompson. He said that anyone interested in making a resolution to the session to make contact with this committee to be presented at tomorrow's session.

Rev. Merle Johnson presented the Theme Emphasis, "Building by God's Family Plan". The scripture he used was taken from Genesis 2:23-24 and Ephesians 5:22-23.

A special offering was taken up for Children's Baptist Home. Moderator Smith led in prayer. Mr. Jason Atkinson, on the organ and Mrs. Karen Lee, the piano, played the hymn, "Love Lifted Me" while the offering was being taken up. Also Mr. Kendall Smith from the Dublin Baptist Church played the drums.

The Dublin Choir, accompanied by Mr. Jason Atkinson, organ, Mrs. Karen Lee, piano and Mr. Kendall Smith, drums, sang the following three songs: "Going Home", "Somebody Love Me" and "There Is Something About That Name".

Rev. Merle Johnson introduced Mr. Jack Burns, former Jehovah's Witness, who gave a dynamic testimony concerning his conversion to Christianity and work as a missionary since December 31, 1984. Mr. Burns spoke on "Building A Family Defense Against Heresy". He is on furlough from the mission field because of illness in his wife's family.

The congregation sang the hymn "God Give Us Christian Homes" and Mrs. Emily Parnell sang two selections in song.

Moderator introduced the Rev. Randy Andrews who delivered the annual sermon. The benediction was given and the congregation sang the closing hymn, "Bless Be The Tie That Binds." The session adjourned for the evening at 9:00 p.m.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 28, 2003
Shady Grove Baptist Church

The One Hundred-Twelfth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association reconvened at 3:00 p.m. at Shady Grove Baptist Church with Moderator Richard Smith presiding. The pastor of Shady Grove Baptist Church, Rev. Michael Skinner, welcomed everyone. He read scripture from Joshua 24:14 and led in prayer.

DOM Cannon introduced Sheriff Steve Bunn who rendered the Theme Emphasis, "Building A Better Society Through Discipline."

Mr. Scott Collins rendered two special songs, "I Dreamed I went To Heaven" and "Thank You For Giving To The Lord".

DOM REPORT: DOM Cannon reported. See page 29, Book of Reports. He also reported some of the following mission ministries that is being carried on throughout the county: Ken Davis is working with the White Lake prison through the Bladen Community College delivering Bibles and Sunday School literature to the inmates. He also indicated that one of the inmates in the White Lake Prison is teaching Bible lessons to the inmates.

He also told of the mission work that is going on at East and West Bladen Schools. Rev. Walter Hayes is working at East Bladen with the Rock Club and Mrs. Phyllis Powers, ISS Worker, is working at West Bladen School. Our Music Director, Mr. Jason Atkinson, is the Band Leader at East Bladen. He also urged everyone to pray for the Bladen County Schools because this is a huge mission field.

DOM Cannon again emphasized the availability of the Handy Man Van that is at the associational office.

DOM Cannon introduced Mrs. Anita Crabtree, Lower Cape Fear Hospice Representative. Mrs. Crabtree passed out a flier to all present explaining "Faith In Action". She was urging the churches to participate in what she called an opportunity for the congregation to be involved with local missions through Lower Cape Fear Hospice. Anyone volunteering to be a Faith In Action Representative would be trained by Lower Cape Fear Hospice. The flier explained the following topics: "What Is Hospice", "What Is A Faith In Action Volunteer", "What Is The Faith In Action Program," "What Does A Faith In Action Representative Do" and "Can I Be A Faith In Action Representative Now". The Elizabethtown Lower Cape Fear Hospice is located at 400 Mercer Mill Road, Suite 2, P.O. Box 1984, Elizabethtown, N.C. 28337, Telephone (910) 862-3111.

The congregation sang the hymn, "The Bond Of Love," led by Mr. Jason Atkinson.

DIVISIONS REPORTS:

WMU: Mrs. Glenda Ward reported, See Book of Report, page 32. In addition to the report printed, Ms. Ward said that she had gotten a letter from the Chowan Baptist Association requesting volunteers to help with the Wright Brothers One-Hundred year celebration to be held from December 13-17, 2003. The cost for each volunteer would be $15.00 per day. Lodging would be in the gym. This would include food. She said that if anyone was interested in volunteering to contact her or the Chowan Baptist Association directly. She said that Samaritan's Purse project is also needing volunteers to help check the Christmas boxes before they are delivered to Charlotte. She also said that Project Help is our WMU theme for the year. She said that if a church chose to do the project they would need to have a law enforcement officer speak at one of their meetings.

BROTHERHOOD: Rev. Merle Johnson reported. See Book of Reports, page 33.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING: Mrs. Etta Smith reported. See Book of Reports, page 30. M Night will be at Tar Heel Baptist Church on November 24, 2003 and Mrs. Phyllis Elvington will be the speaker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Dr. Michael Thompson reported. See Book of Reports, page 31. Dr. Thompson also reported that sometime during the first of next year they are planning some Sunday School Training by the State leaders to assist the leaders in the local churches.

MUSIC REPORT: Mr. Jason Atkinson reported. See Book of Reports, page 35.

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT/LEISURE MINISTRY: Rev. Walter Hayes reported. See Book of Reports, pages 36 & 37.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES: Mrs. Brenda Gray from the Baptist Children's Home, gave the report. See Book of Reports, page 40. She passed out a current Charity & Children's Newsletter. She shared several interesting life stories of some of the children who are at the Baptist Children's Homes.

CONVENTION REPORT: Rev. Merle Johnson introduced Dr. Jim Royston, Executive Director-Treasurer, Baptist State Convention of North Carolina who gave the report from the State Convention. See page 50 of the Book of Reports.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None.

The congregation sang the hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" after which Rev. Merle Johnson introduced Mrs. Phyllis Powers, West Bladen High School. She gave the Theme Emphasis, "Building A Better Foundation For Our Children." She told of her experiences as an ISS teacher at West Bladen High School.

An offering was taken up for the Baptist Children's Homes at this time and the congregation sang the hymn, "Love Lifted Me".

Rev. Richard Smith brought the Moderator's Message and Rev. Michael Skinner led in prayer. The session was adjourned for dinner at 6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 28, 2003
SHADY GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

The evening session re-convened at 7:00 and the prelude was presented by the Youth Choir of Shady Grove Baptist Church.

The call to Worship was the congregation singing the hymn, "To God Be The Glory".

REMEMBRANCE: Mrs. Thelma Barnes read the names of the deceased members of all the churches in the association and read a poem in their memory. See Book of Reports, page 54.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EVANGELISM: DOM passed out a flier pertaining to the "Jesus Video Project". The Association plan to mail out the videos sometime in March, 2004 to each home in the County. The plan is for them to reach the homes just prior to Easter. The project would cost approximately $40,000. The associational office would like to have at least one person from each church to serve as a contact person. They need people who would serve on the publicity, steering, promotion, prayer and financing committees. DOM also announced that the Evangelism Committee is planning to bring Cross Fire back into the schools in November, 2004.

YOUTH: Mr. Darin Andrews reported that their highlight last year was "See You At The Pole" Rally. There were approximately 2,200 people who came to the flag poles last year and prayed. Plans are being made to have this rally in September, 2004. He thanked the churches who participated last year and urged pastors to promote participation next year. He also said that the Youth had done a mission trip this past year to the Appalachian Mountains participating in Bible School. There were three Baptist Churches and one Methodist Church who took part. He said they had between 26-30 youth each day attending.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: DOM Cannon presented the nominating committee's report which is found on pages 3, 4, 5 & 6 of the Book of Reports.

FINANCE: Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts presented the Budget and Treasurer's Report as printed on pages 57, 58, 59 & 60. She made a motion that the report be approved as printed. The motion received a second and was approved.

HISTORIAN: Mr. Gene Smith gave the report as recorded on page 38 of the Book of Reports and the inside front and back cover of the Book of Reports.

PREACHER AND PLACE COMMITTEE: Rev. Jimmy Strole presented the following report for the annual session for year 2004. **Place:** Monday Evening - Galeed Baptist Church; Tuesday Afternoon/Evening: Northside Baptist Church; **Preacher:** Rev. J.S. (Bud) Parrish - no alternate given.

RESOLUTIONS: Dr. Michael Thompson presented the Resolutions report in the form of a motion: We, the messengers of the 2003 One Hundred-Twelfth Session of the Bladen Baptist Association, thank the leadership and members of the Butters Baptist Church and Shady Grove Baptist Church for their hospitality, fellowship and gracious spirits in hosting the annual session of our association. We also thank our Associational leadership for the well-conceived program that provided a meaningful celebration of our work together. submitted: Cameron McGill and Mike Thompson. The report received a second and was approved.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Moderator Smith recognized Dr. Michael Thompson who recommended that the New Beginnings Church to be accepted into the Bladen Baptist Church as a full fledge member. Dr. Thompson gave thanks and praise for the work that the new church has been doing. The recommendation was approved and they were welcomed into the association.

The prelude to worship was given by the Shady Grove Choir singing "I Put My Trust In The Lord" after which the congregation sang the hymn, "Have Faith In God."

Kayla Jackson (youth from Shady Grove) read the scripture and led in prayer. She read from Psalm 128:1-6. She read the poem "Christian Home".

Special Music was presented by the Shady Grove Adult Choir.

Rev. Merle Johnson introduced the Rev. Bob Hensley from "Operation Go," who brought the evening message. His text was taken from John 3:16. He and his wife, Betty Jo, taught the congregation how to say this scripture in Spanish. Moderator Smith led in prayer.

After singing the hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour," the One Hundred-Twelfth Bladen Baptist Association Annual Session was closed at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by:
Richard Smith, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION
2003

ABBOTTSBURG--Mrs. Jane Thompson, Mrs. Jane Walters, Rev. Dewey Jackson
BEARDS CHAPEL--Ms. Thelma Barnes, Mrs. Lois Smith, Rev. Bobby Trott
BETHEL--Mrs. Ceceile Bryan, Ms. Louise Bryan, Ms. Margie Bordeaux, Ms. Catherine DeVane, Mrs. Dianna Roberts
BLADENBORO, FIRST--Ms. Martilla Freeman, Ms. Nettie Vann Fussell, Ms. Nancy Hester, Ms. Myrtle Lockamy, Ms. Glenda Ward, Rev. Bert Young
BRIAR BRANCH--Mrs. Angela Smith, Mr. Harrell Smith, Mrs. Katie Smith, Mr.Troy Smith, Rev. Tom Leonard
BUTTERS--Mrs. Grace Parnell, Mrs. Mary Spence, Rev. Merle Johnson
CENTER ROAD--Mr. & Mrs. Warren Dowless, Mr. & Mrs. Winford Evers, Mr. & Mrs. Earl Kinlaw, Rev. J. Vernon Britt
CHRIST COMMUNITY--Rev. Leon Warren
CLARKTON, FIRST--Mrs. Frances Dawson, Mr. Howard Elkins, Mrs. Judy Elkins, Dr. Mike Thompson
COUNCIL -- Mrs. Bonny Cox, Mrs. Princie McDuffie, Mrs. Janice Saxon, Rev. Jack Miller
CYPRESS CREEK -- Mrs. Lucille Smith, Mrs. Mittie Smith, Rev. Richard Smith
DUBLIN FIRST -- Ms. Lucille Andrews, Mrs. Peggy Hill, Dr. R.L. Summerlin, Rev. Cameron McGill
ELIZABETHTOWN -- Mr. Harvey Bedsole, Rev. David Elks
FAITH -- Mr. Charles Rice, Rev. Clayton Tyndall, Rev. Larry West
FRIENDSHIP -- Mrs. Jackie Wilkins, Rev. Ray Wilkins
GALEED -- Mrs. Ada Bartley, Mrs. Lois Storms, Mrs. Florence Suggs, Rev. Mike Smith, Rev. J.S. (Bud) Parrish
GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION -- Rev. Lorenzo Torres
GRACE -- Mrs. Martha Nance, Mrs. Deannie Williams, Mrs. Phyllis Williams
HICKORY GROVE -- Mr. Franklin Allen, Mr. John Henry, Mr. Leo Hester
LISBON -- Mrs. Virginia Gause, Ms. Annie Sasser, Rev. Chad Ivester
LOVE GROVE -- Mrs. Linda DeVane, Mrs. Jean Smith, Mr. Eddie West, Rev. Randy Andrews
NEW CENTER -- Mr. L.T. Brown, Mr. Tom Ellis, Rev. George Langley
NORTHSIDE -- Mr. Floyd McKnight, Mr. Kay Meismer, Mr. Levy Welch, Mrs. Shirley Welch, Rev. Scott Lewis
PEACE -- None
RICHARDSON -- Mr. Chris Merritt, Mr. Gerald Nance, Mr. Shelton Strickland, Rev. Richard Mabe
RIVERSIDE -- Mr. & Mrs. Frank Evans, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Evans, Mrs. Currie Long, Rev. Currie Long
SANDY GROVE -- Mrs. Ruth Carson, Mrs. Nellie Kinlaw, Mr. & Mrs. Rufus Watson, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Adams, Rev. Jimmy Strole
SHADY GROVE -- Mr. Alfred Edwards, Mr. Douglas Thompson, Rev. Michael Skinner
SUGGS GROVE -- Mrs. Pait Bragg, Ms. Margaret Edge, Mrs. Reba Edge, Ms. Marlene Smith, Ms. Jean Tew
TAR HEEL -- Mr. George Council, Mr. Leon Martin, Mr. Lynn Singletary, Mrs. Mavis Singletary, Rev. Mark Smith
WEST BLADENBORO -- Mr. W.J. Lewis, Rev. Boyd Britt
WHITE LAKE -- Mr. J.C. Chadwick, Mr. Richard Williams, Rev. Walter Hayes
WHITE OAK -- Mr. Harold Cordle, Mr. Steve Hester, Rev. Jeff Kellum
WHITES CREEK -- Mrs. Lori Barrow, Mrs. Kim Bordeaux, Mrs. Gail Norris, Mrs. Linda Sponseller, Mr. Jamie Thompson, Rev. Kincy Barrow
ZION HILL -- Mrs. Kathleen Edwards, Ms. Gladysteen Pait, Mrs. Etta Smith, Mr. George Smith, Mrs. Ina Sutton, Rev. W.C. Baxley

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(Or Pianist if no Organist)

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BETHEL--Mrs. Frankie Roberts, 910-866-4258
BLADENBORO, FIRST--Mrs. Susan M. Kelly, 910-863-3436
BRIAR BRANCH--Mrs. Elaine Dickens, 910-588-4867
BUTTERS--Mr. Murray Bishop, 910-863-3470
CENTER ROAD--Mrs. Geri Anderson, 910-863-3209
CLARKTON, FIRST--Dr. John Hall, 910-645-4620
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CYPRESS CREEK--Mrs. Jennifer Coble, 910-588-4698
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ELIZABETHTOWN--Mrs. Betty C. Womble, 910-862-3244
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HICKORY GROVE--Mrs. Deborah A. Hester, 910-863-4623
LISBON--Mrs. Virginia Gause, 910-645-4181
LOVE GROVE--Mrs. Katherine Baxley, 910-866-4566
NEW CENTER--Mrs. Phyllis McCormick, 910-648-2229
NORTHSIDE--Mrs. Doretta Lennon, 910-863-4432
PEACE--Mr. Wilbur Allen, 910-863-3361
RICHARDSON--Mrs. Debbie Davis, 910-863-4316
RIVERSIDE--Mrs. Patsy McLaney, 910-532-6363
SANDY GROVE--Mrs. Darlene J. Cain, 910-648-4806
SHADY GROVE--Mrs. Sherry Britt, 910-648-2385
SUGGS GROVE--Mrs. Connie Tew, 910-484-2023
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WHITE OAK-- Mrs. Shirley Burney-Klee, 910-879-0096
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CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME: The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - MISSION: It is the Mission of this body to provide opportunity to member churches affiliated with it for cooperative efforts in carrying out the evangelistic and ministry directives of Jesus Christ; further to encourage and assist, when possible, each member church in doing the same.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP: The Association shall consist of messengers and executive committee members who are members of the affiliated churches as follows:

1. Each church of fifty (50) members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifty (50) members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five (5) lay messengers active and voting at one time. Each church shall be entitled to an equal number of alternate messengers who shall serve in the absence of the messengers. The messengers who compose the Association must come from churches that believe in practicing New Testament doctrine as set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message.*

1. Each church shall be entitled to one executive member and senior pastor to serve as set forth in Article IV.
2. The Pastors
3. The elected officers of the Association.

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, together with a pastor and a layman from each affiliated church. The Executive Board is charged with the duty of executing the plans and decisions of the Association and the employment and direction of the Associational Director of Missions. A full report of its work shall be presented at each Fall Session, together with plans and recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work of the Association. The Executive Board shall act for the Association between sessions in conformity with the expressed decisions of the body. A vacancy occurring between sessions may be filled for the remainder of the year as set forth in Article VI (1) (c) of this constitution.

ARTICLE V - AFFILIATED CHURCHES: A Missionary Baptist Church desiring fellowship in the Association may submit a written request for membership at a Fall session, and may be received under the watchcare of the Association for a period of time to the next ensuing Fall Session, and then upon recommendation of the Committee On Membership, such church may be received as a member by two-thirds favorable vote of the duly qualified messengers in attendance at such session.

Any member church in good standing shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal and recommendation to another similar body. Such letter may be from the Association in session or by the Executive Board between sessions.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS:

(1) The Executive Officers of the Bladen Baptist Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Other officers shall be stewardship director and historian.

(a) Officers shall be approved at the April Executive Committee meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting. Nominees will be presented by the nominating committee or from the floor. All nominations must be with the prior consent of the nominee. They shall serve for one year beginning at the close of the annual meeting and ending at the close of the next.

(b) A qualified parliamentarian, well versed in Robert's Rules of Order, shall be appointed by the moderator during his term of office.

(c) If the office of Moderator becomes vacant, the vice-moderator shall become moderator for the rest of that term. Other vacancies in associational offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Nominating Committee or from the floor, with prior consent of the nominee(s).

(d) A Moderator shall not serve more than two years in succession.

ARTICLE VII - DIVISION DIRECTORS

(1) A Division Director shall be approved by the Executive Committee during its April Meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting, for Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Evangelism, Music, Seminary Extension, Church Media, Missions Development, Leisure Ministry, youth, and other organizations which may be added by the Association. Nominations may be presented by the Nominating Committee or from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

(a) The Division Director will begin serving in October following election but will be responsible for planning the program and budget for year under his/her direction.

(b) Each Director will select workers for that area and present them to the Nominating Committee for approval prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee will then present the workers to the Association for approval at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL: The Associational Council shall consist of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Directors of each division. The staff members of the Associations shall serve in an ex-officio capacity. The Associational Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to assist in planning, promoting, guiding, and calendar planning for the total Associational Program. It will meet regularly prior to each Executive Board Meeting and Annual Session. It will consider, review, and/or prepare recommendations concerning the Associational Program for action by the Executive Board and/or Association.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES:

(1) Standing Committees shall be as follows and others may be added as deemed necessary by the Executive Board or Association. They are to be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual Meeting:

Nominations	Constitution	Ordination
Membership	The Office Building and Grounds	
Finance	DOM Relations	

(2) Associational Committees: The Moderator shall appoint the following committees at the July Executive Board Meeting: (a) Committee on Place and Preacher for the following year, (b) Committee on Resolutions, (c) Committee on Enrollment, (d) Membership Committee, if needed, and (e) any other committees which may be authorized by the Association. These committees shall report during the annual session

ARTICLE X - PROCEDURE: The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT: This Constitution may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board meeting prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on the second day.

ARTICLE XII - ADOPTION: Upon adoption, this constitution shall become effective at the close of this session of the Bladen Baptist Association.

BY-LAWS
OF
BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

I. NAME

The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association as set forth in Article I of the attached constitution. The location shall be Elizabethtown, Bladen County, North Carolina.

II. FAITH

This Baptist association accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as our rule of faith and practice. It affirms the doctrinal positions set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message*, and hereby incorporates that statement into these bylaws.

III. PURPOSE

As set forth in Article II of the attached constitution.

IV. POLITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

The government of this association is vested in the members who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical or political body or bodies.

We realize there is mutual helpfulness in working with other associations of like faith and practice as to encourage the spirit of fellowship and good will. We also recognize that there have been devised, through the voluntary cooperation of churches of like faith and order, organizations whose purpose it is to implement the missionary, educational and benevolent interests and obligations of this association and its affiliated churches. Believing that the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are organizations which have as their sole purpose the promotion and support of missions; education and benevolence of the character and in keeping with the spirit of the Bylaws and Constitution of this association, we therefore voluntarily agree to participate in the programs and ministries of these organizations.

V. MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

Section A: Requirement and Procedure

Membership will be as set forth in Article III and IV of attached Constitution of this body, namely the Bladen Baptist Association.

Section B: Duties of Affiliated Churches

1. *Cooperation* Any church affiliated with this body shall support the same financially and be sympathetic with the purpose and mission of this body. Any voting member of this body must first be a member of an affiliated church.

2. *Provide Annual Church Profile (ACP).* Each affiliated church shall send to the clerk of the Association fourteen (14) days prior to the Fall Session of the Association, on forms furnished by the Clerk, a full report of the church work for the year ending September 30th.

Section C: Rights of Affiliation and Membership

1. Each affiliated church has a right to be represented by messengers or executive committee members as set forth in article III and IV of attached constitution of this body, who in turn shall have the right to vote on all matters brought before this association.

2. Any member of an affiliated church is eligible for consideration by the membership of the association for nomination to any elective office in the association.

Section D: Termination of Affiliation

Church affiliation with this association may be terminated in the following ways:

1. By the affiliated church's request. The affiliated church may write a letter of request that its affiliation with Bladen Baptist Association be terminated. Such termination shall be effective as of the date the request is received and approved.

2. By exclusion. The association, after due notice and a reasonable opportunity for hearing and kindly efforts to make such action unnecessary, may terminate the affiliation of churches who fail to be supportive financially or fail to be sympathetic with the doctrine and purpose of this association.

VI. MEETINGS

Section A: Business.

Quorum. 12 affiliated churches represented by voting messenger(s) or executive board members shall constitute a quorum

1. Annual Sessions of the Association shall be held on Monday evening and Tuesday afternoon and evening following the fourth Sunday in October.

2. Quarterly Sessions: The Executive Board shall meet on Tuesday following the third Sunday of January, April, and July.

3. Special meetings may be called by the moderator or the director of missions provided one week advanced notice is given to the affiliated churches.

Section B: Procedure.

All meetings of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service followed by the order of business or agenda and closed with prayer. *An order of business shall be adopted at the beginning of each annual session which shall be changed only by a two-thirds vote of the body.*

Section C: The Associational Year

The Associational year and reports shall cover October 1st through September 30th. The fiscal year shall be January 1st through December 31st.

VII. OFFICERS:

Section A. Generally

Executive Officers of the association shall be Moderator, vice-moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. Other officers shall be stewardship director, historian and such others as the association shall determine. For all such officers the association shall establish and set forth in the bylaws, their means of selection and duties. All officers must be members in good standing of an affiliated church and serve at the pleasure of the association.

1. Duties of Executive Officers

a. Function as Board of Directors. The currently serving Executive Officers shall meet and acting together, constitute the Board of Directors of Bladen Baptist Association. Such Board of Directors shall change by and in the same procedure as Executive officers change. In their capacity as directors, they shall have the duties and responsibilities attendant to Directors, subject however to the limitation set forth in the charter bylaws and constitution. The Directors shall not have power, except as expressly authorized by the association, to purchase or sell or encumber any real or personal property, to install or remove officers or staff, to amend the Charter, bylaws or constitution, or to bind the corporation to any contract.

b. Corporate Officers. The Moderator shall, whenever required by law or practice, serve as the President of the Corporation, having however only such express powers as are granted by the association, and having no power absent such express authorization to bind the corporation in any matter or act for it. In a similar manner and subject to the same limitations, the Vice-Moderator shall be authorized to act as the Vice-President.

Section B. Moderator.

The Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution.

The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

Section C. Vice-Moderator.

The Vice-Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the moderator. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

Section D. Clerk.

The Clerk shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Clerk shall work with the Associational Staff in keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of the association, and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed, as directed by the Association or Executive Board, minutes and statistics of the Association as soon as practical after adjournment of the Fall Session. He/she shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the association six weeks before they are due. Copies of the annuals shall be provided without charge for the officers, and provided for affiliated churches as requested by payment. A copy shall be sent to each department of the Baptist State Convention and other institutions and individuals as the Association or Executive Committee may direct.

Section E. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Treasurer shall work with the Associational Staff to receive all receipts of the association, disburse them according to its order, and present a printed report of the same to the Fall Session of the Association and to the Executive Board.

Section F. Stewardship Director

The Stewardship Director shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Stewardship Director shall be responsible for Stewardship Promotion working with the Director of Missions and subject to the supervision of the Executive Board.

Section G. Historian

The Historian shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Historian shall encourage churches to preserve their historical material, to publish a church history from time to time, and to observe their special anniversaries. He/She should maintain an Associational Historical Collection.

VIII. COMMITTEES

Section A. Generally

Committees of the association shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association except those committees appointed by the moderator. Such committees are clearly designated in the by-laws and constitution. There are two types of committees, standing and special. Standing committees are listed in these by-laws while special committees are elected by the association in accordance to need.

Section B. Duties

1. THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: The Program Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Director of Missions, Director of Music and Pastors of the host churches. The vice-moderator shall be chairman of this committee. It shall prepare a printed program for the Annual Meeting and distribute copies to program personnel and pastors at least thirty (30) days in advance. The committee shall present the program for adoption by the association and manage any adjustments.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE: This committee shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be . . . to supervise the financial program of the association and to report to the Executive Board regarding the same at each quarterly meeting. The Finance Committee shall submit to the Executive Board at the July Meeting, a budget for the coming year. The budget will be voted on at the Fall Session of the association.

3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: This Committee, composed of 5 members, shall nominate officers, Division Directors and committee members as set forth in Article V and IX of this constitution. It shall also nominate associational representatives for convention institutions and agencies as deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee or association. Vacancies occuring between annual sessions shall be filled by the Executive Board upon presentation of nominee(s) by this committee.

4. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: This committee, composed of three members, shall be available to review study and propose changes in the constitution, and make recommendations to the association regarading any changes.

5. ORDINATION COMMITTEE: This committee, composed of five (5) members shall, when requested by a member church, assist in the examination and ordination of candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

6. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE: This Committee, composed of four (4) members, shall work with the Director of Missions in keeping his job description up to date, abiding by the guidelines adopted for the relationship, reviewing compensation and time arrangements, arranging for mutual evaluation sessions, handling criticisms of the Director of Missions and hearing his complaints, helping with staff difficulties, and dealing with any problems that may arise.

7. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: This committee, composed of three (3) members and appointed by the moderator, shall study proposed resolutions and make its report in the final session of the annual meeting.

8. COMMITTEE OF PLACE AND PREACHER: This committee, composed of three (3) members is appointed by the moderator. It shall seek out and recommend meeting places for annual sessions. It shall also recommend preachers and alternates for the Fall Sessions.

9. COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT: This committee is appointed by the moderator and shall be composed of five members. It shall work with the office staff to prepare for and direct the enrollment of messengers at each of the annual sessions.

IX. DIVISION DIRECTORS

Section A. Generally

Division directors are nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association according to procedure set forth in article VII of the attached constitution. A director for each of the following divisions shall be elected: Brotherhood, Discipleship Training, Deacon Consultant, Evangelism, Leisure Ministry, Media, Missions Development, Music, Seminary Extension, Sunday School, Womans Missionary Union, and Youth.

Section B. Duties

1. It shall be the responsibility of each Division Director to coordinate and assist the work of each committee or program group in that particular division.

2. The Division Director shall make quarterly progress reports to the Executive Board and shall prepare and submit a written annual report for the Book of Reports not later than the last scheduled meeting of the Executive Board prior to the Annual Session.
3. The Division Director shall serve on the Associational Council to help plan and coordinate the total associational ministry.
4. The Division Director shall prepare and submit a budget request for his/her division to the Finance Committee by July 1, prior to budget year planned.

X. PARLIAMENTARIAN

The parliamentarian shall be appointed by the moderator and shall be well versed in Robert's Rules of Order.

XI. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Section A. Election

The Director of Missions shall be elected upon the recommendation of a duly elected search committee Nominees for the Search Committee shall be presented by the Nominating Committee to the Executive Board who shall be responsible for electing the same. The Search Committee shall then search out and recommend a qualified candidate to the Executive Board for Election. The term of office for the Director of Missions shall be until terminated by mutual consent or at the official request of either party.

Section B. Duties

The Director of Missions shall have general oversight of the work of the association, cooperating with all elected officers of the association and member churches. The Director shall be an exofficio member of all committees, councils and organizations of the association. His duties shall be carried out in accordance with agreed job description.

Section C. Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs and during the interim period, *the Associational Council shall seek out and recommend an interim Director of Missions to the Executive Board.*

Section D. Grievances

Any matter relating to the Director of Missions which is not covered in this constitution or covenant agreed upon by the association and the Director of Missions shall be referred to the DOM Relations Committee who in turn will make recommendations to the Executive Board if and when necessary.

XII. REVENUE

The Bladen Baptist Association shall be supported through contributions from the affiliated churches and individual gifts. Gifts other than undesignated monies, shall be accepted at the discretion of the Finance Committee.

XIII. SALARIES OF OFFICERS

Salaries of the Director of Missions of the association, as well as any other officer, shall be such amount as may be provided for in the Annual Budget and approved by the association in its Fall Session.

XIV. MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Minutes of all sessions of the association shall be examined, approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before being printed.

XV. AUDITOR

1. The Auditor shall examine the financial books and records of the association and submit a detailed report covering his audit at such time as may be required by the Executive Board of the association.

XVI. VISITORS

1. Visitors are welcome to attend any business session of the Bladen Baptist Association, but without deliberation or voting privileges. Vistors may speak at the discretion of the moderator.

XVII. AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual session of the association by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment(s) have been presented in writing during the first session. The vote shall then be taken the following day at a time on the program designated by the moderator.

XVIII. EFFECTIVE DATE

1. These By-Laws or any additions or amendments thereto shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Submitted by Constitution Committee
Mr. Worth Hester
Mrs. Josie Carroll
Mrs. Florence Suggs

Adopted
October 28, 1997

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY
2003-2004

OFFICERS, PROGRAM LEADERS AND COMMITTEES

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MEDIA/LIBRARY COMMITTEE

None

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Director of Missions

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Mr. Michael Butler, 862-6082
Mr. John Clark, 648-2770
Mr. Wesley Perkins, 862-3301

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2003

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ZION HILL--Rev. W.C. Baxley, 544 Timber Path Rd., Fairmont, NC 28340

CALENDAR 2004

JANUARY 2004

1	**New Year's Day**
13	**Bladen Ministerial Association meets**
16-17	Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway
20	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's/Wives' Conference**
20	**Bladen Baptist Executive Committee meets**
20-21	Associational Staff/General Board Staff Retreat, Caraway
23-24	WMU Executive Board Meeting, Cary
25	Deadline for Student Summer Missions Applications
25	**Baptist Men's Day in the Churches**
26	NC Baptist Singers Concert
27-28	General Board Meeting, Caraway

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FEBRUARY 2004

1	**Assoc. Music Directors Meeting**
1-8	**Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Retirement Homes**
2-3	**State Evangelism Conference, East**
8-14	**Focus on WMU**
10	**Bladen Ministerial Association meets**
14-16	National Challengers Rally, Pigeon Forge
15	NC Baptist College Day
17	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's/Wives' Conference**
20-21	Summer Ministry Interviews, Caraway
22	Volunteers in Missions Day
23-26	Youth Ministers' Continuing Ed. Retreat
23-26	Ministerial Tax Issues Conference, Location TBA
27-28	**Baptist Missions Conf./Baptist Men's Convention, Winston-Salem**

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MARCH 2004

5-6	Youth Choir Festival
6	Children in Action/Mission Kids Day
7-14	**Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**
9	**Bladen Ministerial Association Meets**
12-13	Prayer Conference, Location TBA
23	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's/Wives' Conference**
27	RA Congress
TBA	**Early Bird VBS Clinic**
TBA	Operation Inasmuch, Fayetteville

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APRIL 2004

3	Royal Ambassador Car Race Day
3	**Girls In Action Day**
3	**Assoc. Youth & Children's Bible Drill**
4	**Palm Sunday**
5-7	Springfest Senior Retreat, Caswell
6	**Bible Drill Registration Deadline**
9	**Good Friday**
11	**Cooperative Missions Giving Day**
11	**Easter Sunday**
13	**Bladen Ministerial Association meets**
16-17	Spring Fling II
16-17	Interfaith Witness Conference, TBA
16-18	Missions Extravaganza I, Ridgecrest
17	Ag Missions Hands-On Workshop, Campbell
18	**Earth Stewards Sunday**
19-21	Springfest Senior Retreat, Caswell
20	**WMU Annual Meeting**

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APRIL 2004 (cont.)

20	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's/Wives' Conference**
20	**Bladen Baptist Executive Committee meets**
22	**Golf Tournament (Leisure/Resort Ministry)**
23-24	Spring Fling III
23-24	Disaster Relief Expo, Caraway
23-24	Men's Ministry Conference, Caswell
23-24	Father/Son Overnight, Caraway
24-25	Father/Son Overnight, Caraway
24	Children's Bible Drills
26	NC Baptist Singers Concert
26-28	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
30	Youth Drill & Youth Speaker Tournaments
30-May 2	Deep Impact Weekend, Caswell
30-May 2	Blind Fellowship Retreat
TBA	**Associational VBS Clinic**

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MAY 2004

1	**National Day of Prayer**
1	Children's Bible Drills
1	State RA/Challengers Track Meet
3-5	Senior Adult Festival, Greensboro
7	**Girls In Action Day**
7-8	Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway
9	**Mother's Day**
10-12	Spring Senior Adult Conference
10-12	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat
11	**Bladen Ministerial Association Meets**
14-15	WMU Executive Board Meeting, Mundo Vista
14-16	NC State Media Library Workshop, Caswell
15	Finalist Bible Drill Tournament
17	NC Baptist Singers Concert
17	Council on Christian Life & Public Affairs Meeting, Caraway
17-19	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
18	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's/Wives' Conference**
18	Council on Christian Higher Education Meeting, Caraway
24-26	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
28-30	Couples Spring Break, Caswell
28-30	Student Work Weekend, Caraway
31	**Memorial Day**
31-June 5	Summer Youth Week 1

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JUNE 2004

1	**White Lake Campground Ministry begins**
4-5	WMU Assoc. Leadership Team Training, East
6	Christian High Adventure Begins
7-12	Summer Youth Week 2, Caswell
7-11	Family, Fun and Focus Week, Caswell
8	**Bladen Ministerial Association meets**
9	Caraway Summer Camp for boys opens
14-18	Families with AIDS, Caswell
14-19	Summer Youth Week 3, Caswell
15-16	**SBC meets, Indianapolis**
16-20	GA Summer Camp, Mundo Vista
18-19	WMU Associational Leadership Team Training, Caraway
18-19	Associational Leadership Team Training, Caraway
20	**Father's Day**
21-25	Ridgecrest Music Week, Ridgecrest
21-26	Summer Youth Week 4, Caswell
26	Demonstration Day at the Ag Farm, Campbell
28-July 3	Summer Youth Week 5, Caswell
30-July 4	Hispanic National Leadership Week, Ridgecrest

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JULY 2004

4	**Independence Day**
5-10	Music Week at Caswell, Caswell
11-14	National Sunday School Leadership Training
11-17	Deep Impact Week at Caswell
12-14	**Associational Summer Conference, Caraway**
12-17	World Missions Week, Caswell
13	**Bladen Ministerial Association meets**
14-18	National Sunday School Leadership Training, Ridgecrest
16-17	WMU Assoc. Leadership Team Training, Caraway
16-17	Associational Leadership Team Training, Caraway
19-24	Summer Youth Week 6, Caswell
20	**Bladen Executive Committee meets**
22	Essentials for Excellence SS Training, Kinston
23-24	WMU Assoc. Leadership Team Training, Fruitland
24	Sunday School Revitalization, Brunswick Area
24-26	Happiness Retreat I, Caraway
26-28	Happiness Retreat II, Caraway
26-30	Conference By The Sea I, Caswell
26-31	Summer Youth Week 7, Caswell
28-30	Happiness Retreat III, Caraway
30-Aug 1	Lay Renewal Gathering, Caswell
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's/Wives' Picnic**

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AUGUST 2004

2-7	Summer Youth Week 8, Caswell
6-7	Church Brotherhood Leadership Trn,. Caraway
6-7	Lay Renewal Weekend, Caswell
10	**Bladen Ministerial Association meets**
13-14	Lay Witnessing Conference, Caraway
17	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's/Wives' Conference**
20-21	Women's Prayer Evangelism Conf., TBA
20-21	Lay Witnessing Conference, Caraway
20-22	Adventure Retreat, Caswell
23-27	Conference By The Sea II, Caswell
24	**Assoc. WMU Key Leadership Training**
27-29	Student Work Weekend, Caswell

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SEPTEMBER 2004

3-4	Equipping Today's Church, Ridgecrest
5	**White Lake Campground Ministry Ends**
5-12	**Week of Prayer and Special Offering for NC Missions**
6	**Labor Day**
10-11	Music Leadership Training Retreats, Caraway
11	FAITH Training Clinic, Wilmington
12-13	Sunday School Leadership Training I, Caraway
13-15	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
14	**Bladen Ministerial Association meets**
15-17	Women's Prison Retreat, Mundo Vista
17-18	NCBM Board Meeting, Caraway
17-18	WMU Executive Board Meeting, Mundo Vista
17-18	Fall Sunday School Training, Caraway
17-19	Coastal Men's Retreat, Caswell
20-22	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
20-24	Retirement Choices Conferences, TBA
21	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's/Wives' Conference**
24-25	Lad/Crusader Camporee, Caraway
25-26	Lad/Crusader Camporee, Caraway
27-29	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
28	Council on Christian Higher Ed. Meeting, Caraway

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SEPTEMBER 2004 (cont.)

28 Council on Christian Life & Public Affairs meeting, Caraway
28 Regional Children's/Youth Bible Drill/Youth Speakers' Tournament, Leaders and Judges Training, TBA
28-29 General Board Meeting, Caraway

OCTOBER 2004

1-2 Music Leadership Training Retreats, Caraway
1-2 Equipping Today's Church Conf., Caswell
1-31 Cooperative Missions Giving Month
4-5 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
6-10 Missions Fest, New England
8-9 New Ministers' Wives Retreat, Mundo Vista
10 World Hunger Day
11-13 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
12 Bladen Ministerial Association meets
15-16 RA/Challenger Leadership Training, Caraway
15-17 Literacy Missions Retreat, Caraway
18-20 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
22-23 Adult Campcraft Training, Caraway
23-24 Deacon/Spouse Retreat, Caswell
25-26 Bladen Baptist Association Annual Meetings
25-27 Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell

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NOVEMBER 2004

1 North Carolina Baptist Singers Concert, Charlotte
1 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
5-6 NC Baptist Health Care Fellowship Annual Meeting, Winston-Salem
6 Equipping Today's Church, Rocky Mount
7-8 Young Women on Mission Retreat
7-11 Grace For The Journey, Caswell
7-13 RA Week in the Churches
9 Bladen Ministerial Association meets
11 Veteran's Day
12-14 NC Baptist Conference of the Deaf, Caraway
13 Church Weekday Education Workshop
14-21 Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Children's Homes
15-17 Baptist State Convention Annual Session, Winston Salem
19-21 Fall Youth Evangelism Retreat
22 M-Night
23 Bladen Baptist Pastor's/Wives' Conference
25 Thanksgiving Day
28-Dec. 5 International Missions Emphasis/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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DECEMBER 2004

11/28-12/5 International Missions Emphasis/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
1-3 Christmas By The Sea Senior Retreat, Caswell
4 NC WMU Day, Operation Christmas Child
6 NC WMU Day, Operation Christmas Child
6-8 Christmas By The Sea Senior Retreat, Caswell
8-10 Christmas By The Sea Senior Retreat, Caswell
14 Bladen Ministerial Association meets
TBA Bladen Baptist Pastor's/Wives' Christmas Party
25 Christmas Day
31 New Year's Eve
Association Office Closed Week of Christmas

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
January 12, 2003

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on January 21, 2003 AT 7:30 P.M. with Moderator Richard Smith presiding. He called the meeting to order and Rev. David Rutland led in the devotion and prayer. The scripture was taken from Luke 4.

No minutes were presented as the last meeting was the annual session and the minutes will be in the next associational annual.

The roll call was made and twenty-four (24) members were present with four (4) visitors, representing thirteen (13) churches. There were visitors from the New Beginnings Church, who are under the watch care of the association.

REPORTS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: No report.

DISCIPLESHIP: Mrs. Etta Smith reported that M-Night was held on November 25, 2002 at Bethel Baptist Church with ninety-six (96) in attendance and representing 10 churches. Both banners went to Bethel Church.

She asked that if anyone was planning to participate in the Bible Drill to let her know so that she could plan the association drill.

Mrs. Smith reported that Center Road and Tar Heel Baptist Churches are working on their drills now. Center Road has about five that are participating in the children's drill and about eight young people participating. She does not know the number from Tar Heel, but they are working on the drills.

Plans are for the Association Drill to be held on March 29, 2003, and they would need registration forms to be submitted to the state by April 3, 2003. The state drill will be on May 2, 2003 for the youth and May 3, 2003 for the children. She urged anyone needing help to call her.

BROTHERHOOD: DOM Cannon reported in the absence of Mr. Ewin Davis. He reported that there will be a Brotherhood meeting on February 2, 2003 and March 1, 2003.

MUSIC: No Report

WMU: Ms. Glenda Ward reported. The WMU on the associational level participated in four main events since we last met in July. On August 27, 2002 the annual Key Leadership meeting was held at Center Road Baptist Church. All age-level groups were represented at this meeting. Health kits for the medical van was presented. They participated in the annual WMU Red Box Project. This project provides gifts for women in the state Women's Prison. The churches in the association provided over 400 pairs of slouch socks for the ministry. In December, the WMU gave a dinner for the Hispanic community members at the Clarkton Baptist Church. Food and toys for the children were provided from various churches throughout the county. There were approximately eighty (80) people who attended this event. The food and fellowship was very good. The children enjoyed the gifts. The Holy Spirit was felt during the worship service. One person made a profession of faith during the service.

WMU Focus Week will be February 10-16, 2003. Ms. Ward encouraged the churches to participate during this week. On April 15, 2003 the Annual WMU Meeting will be held at 7:00 P.M. at Clarkton Baptist Church. This meeting will follow the "On Mission Celebration." She encouraged men, women and children to attend.

MEDIA/LIBRARY: No report.

ANNUITY: No report.

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT: No report.

STEWARDSHIP: Mr. David Clark moved the acceptance of the budget and treasurer's report as printed and had been mailed to each executive member. The motion received a second and was approved with no discussion.

EVANGELISM: No Report

DIRECTOR OF MISSION: The Director of Missions reported on the following events:
February 7-8, 2003 - The Medical/Dental Bus will be at Clarkton Baptist Church.
February 8, 2003, 6:15 PM "For Christ Youth Event" at Bladen Community College.
February 18, 2003, "Managing Your Church Finances. Made Easy" to be held at Hickory Grove Baptist Church 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Meal at 6:15 PM. Pre-register through Associational Office.
February 21, 2003: Study on "The Flood" at New Beginnings Church.
March 1, 2003: State of the Child Conference to be at Bladen Community College - 10:00 AM until 1:00 PM.
March 3, 2003: 7:30 PM Bladen Association Golf League at the Associational office.
March 25, 2003: Early Bird VBS Clinic at the Associational office.
April 6-9, 2003: "On Missions Celebration" at the following churches: Abbottsburg, Bethel, Bladenboro First, Butters, Clarkton First, Cypress Creek, Dublin First, Hickory Grove, Shady Grove, Tar Heel, White Lake, White Oak and Zion Hill.
May 24, 2003-June 1, 2003: Alaskan Mission Trip to Laverne Griffin Youth Camp in Wasilla. The estimated cost of the trip would be around $565.00.
June 21-29, 2003: Pueblo Mexico Mission Trip - Construction and Evangelism - estimated cost for airfare would be $600.00. No passport would be required.
July 5-12, 2003: World Changers coming to Bladen County. Work teams are needed from the churches and there is a need for lunch to be provided during the week. There are about 100-250 people expected.
DOM announced that the Bladen County Mental Health is ceasing their long-term counseling services. They are in the process of securing resources to pass along to their patients. He asked for those available to counsel to contact the associational office.
DOM also announced that there is a strategy to enlist 30,000 people in 2003 who will commit to choose 30 days out of 365 to focus on specifically praying for evangelism and spiritual renewal.
The Association has begun a Cantata Library. There are several cantatas available for loan. Anyone interested in giving their materials are urged to contact the associational office.

NEW BUSINESS: DOM Cannon presented the idea of putting the Jesus Video into 13,979 homes in Bladen County and the estimated cost would be around $39,000.00. After discussion, Rev. Dewey Jackson made the motion that we accept this as a project and ask the churches to help with the financial expense. There was a second to the motion. Rev. Walter Hayes made an amendment to the motion that if the churches did not produce the money for the Bladen Baptist Association to complete the funding. This amended motion received a second and was approved with an unanimous vote. The original motion made by Rev. Jackson passed with an unanimous vote.

DOM Cannon expressed his delight that Bible would be taught at West Bladen High School this year, but explained that the teacher or the funds were not available through the school. The teacher has been secured and Mr. David Clark made a motion that the Bladen Baptist Association provide financial funds for the course to be taught this year. The motion received a second and so carried.

Rev. Walter Hayes announced the following:
February 19, 2003: Meeting at the White Lake Baptist Church for anyone interested in knowing how to start a new church.
Rev. Hayes also announced that if anyone was interested in starting an Emergency Crisis Ministry to contact Mr. Dave Myers at 862-5358.
March 14, 2003: East Bladen High School there will be a concert, "Reach Out for Christ's Kingdom."
Rev. Hayes emphasized the need for help with the Leisure Ministry at White Lake during the summer months.

Rev. Steve Butler gave an update on the progress made by the New Beginnings Church.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM with Rev. David Rutland making the motion.

Respectfully submitted:
Richard Smith, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
April 22, 2003

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on April 22, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Richard Smith presiding. He called the meeting to order and Rev. Jerry Beck led in devotion and prayer. The scripture was taken from Matthew 28:16-20.

Mr. David Clark made a motion that the minutes from the January 21, 2003 be approved as printed and had been mailed to each executive member prior to the meeting. The motion was seconded and was approved with an unanimous vote.

The roll call of the churches was made by the clerk, Mrs. Virginia W. Gause. There were nineteen (19) members present, four (4) visitors and twelve (12) churches represented.

REPORTS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Dr. Mike Thompson reported that the Sunday School literature would be changed. He expounded on some of the changes.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING: Mrs. Etta Smith reported that the Associational Bible Drill was held on March 29, 2003 at Zion Hill Church. There were three from Tar Heel and three from Center Roads in the Children's Bible Drill. Five of them will be participating in the State Drill on May 3, 2003 at Village Baptist Church in Fayetteville.

Immediately after the Children's Drill there was a Youth Drill with four from Center Road participating. All four of them will be participating in the State Drill on the evening of May 2, 2003. Everyone did a fantastic job.

After the drills, everyone was treated to a Melvin Burger lunch.

Mrs. Smith asked for prayer for the Bible Drill participants and urged good attendance and to show support for them.

BROTHERHOOD: DOM introduced Mr. Herman Cain from the Columbus Association to share with us about a mission trip called Builders for Christ. He gave information about the trip scheduled for July 13-19, 2003.

MUSIC: Mr. Jason Atkinson announced that plans are being made for Mr. Mike Speck to help in a Fall Associational Choir Workshop. He also explained further about the churches sharing their used cantatas to the associational library. The churches would be able to check them out. He also announced a music leadership training in the Fall to be held at Camp Carraway. The first date is September 5th & 6th and the second one is October 3rd & 4th. He said that if anyone was interested in going to contact him and he would assist with the registration. Mr. Atkinson also offered his services to any church regarding any musical need.

WMU: No Report

MEDIA/LIBRARY: Ms. Ann Dove continued to encourage the churches to establish a library within their church. She offered her services to any church who is in need of setting up a church library.

ANNUITY: No Report

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT: Rev. Walter Hayes encouraged anyone who had any ministry within their church that they could share with the Leisure Ministry at the lake to let him know. The White Lake ministry will be opening up soon. They are having a gospel singing on Saturday night at the camp grounds at this time. He also said they would be hosting a breakfast for the "Bladen We Care" golf tournament. They will be passing out tracts at this event. He shared some of the testimonies that was given to him by the campers that had been touched by the Lord as a result of the ministry at the camp grounds. He also said that they were trying to establish an associational golf league. He said that they needed four additional teams. He encouraged more churches to get involved in this ministry.

STEWARDSHIP: Mr. David Clark made a motion that the Treasurer's report be approved as printed and presented to eaeh exeeutive member. The motion reeeived a seeond and was approved.

EVANGELISM: Rev. Jerry Beck said that the Evangelism Committee had voted to adopt a projeet to mail a "Jesus Video" to every mailing address in Bladen County and he put this in the form of a motion that the assoeiation undertake the projeet. There are 13,979 addresses and eaeh video would eost about $2.70. They would like for the date for the mailing to be the first of Deeember. The motion was approved. The assoeiation would ehallenge the churches to assist with the finances.

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS: DOM Cannon presented the following reports:

The VBS Clinie will be held at Graee Baptist Chureh on Thursday, April 24, 2003, at 6:00 PM with a meal provided. The elinie will begin at 6:45 PM.

National Day of Prayer will be on Thursday, May 1, 2003 at 12:00 Noon at the Elizabethtown Town Hall.

Ordination Service for Boyd Britt: Sunday, May 4, 2003 at 6:00 PM.

Region III Baptist Men's Rally will be held Thursday, May 8, 2003, 6:30 until 8:30 PM. The registrations must be made and the deadline is May 1, 2003; eall 1-800-395-5102, extension 331 to register. There is no eost and the meal is free.

Food for Iraq: The assoeiation was asked by the IMB to eoordinate a "Family Food Box" projeet for Iraq Disaster Relief efforts. There are 28 eolleetion points aeross the state that will be taking these boxes. A fact sheet was distributed to the members with more details. The association offiee is a eolleetion site for Region III. The boxes may be dropped on May 17th and 18th from 2:00 until 5:00 PM. The empty boxes may be ordered through the Assoeiational Offiee for $1.81 per box.

Baccalaureate Service will be on May 18, 2003 at 3:00 PM at Bladen Community College. Everyone is urged to attend and join in eongratulating our graduates in a Christian serviee.

May Pastor's/Wives' Conferenee will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2003 at Cypress Creek Baptist Chureh at 10:00 AM.

Alaska Trip will be May 24- June 1, 2003. There are 11 going to the Laverne Griffin Youth Camp. Thirty five youth aeeepted Christ during the first week of eamp last summer and three hundred accepted Christ during the summer eamp.

Bible Course in School has gone very well. Thanks was expressed for all the support.

Deacon/Wife Retreat will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 20-21, 2003 at Camp McNeill. Eaeh person will be responsible for furnishing their own bed linens. (Twin beds) The evening meal will be at 6:00 PM on Friday night. Mr. Dan Deaton will lead the retreat and each person must register by June 1, 2003 through the assoeiational offiee.

World Changers in Bladen County will be from July 5-12, 2003. There has been enough churches to adopt work teams to feed them lunches. Help is still needed with providing enough iee cream for 200 youth and ehaperones each night. The teams will be staying at the Bladenboro Middle Sehool.

West Virginia Mission Trip will be July 19, 2003. Each person will need to sign up at the assoeiational office.

World Missions Conference went very well. Bibles were distributed in Mexico.

Prayer Concerns (Pastors & Families) were as follows: Rev. George Langley who has had by-pass surgery, Rev. Dewey Jackson who has had knee replaeement, Dr. Maek Roberts who is having a heart catheterization; and Mrs. Marlene Johnson's mother and Mrs. Jaekie Wilkins mother who passed away.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Darin Andrews said that he would be glad to help any ehureh who would like to partieipate in the mission ministry that Bethel Church had been involved in. He expounded on what had been done by the youth on the mission trip last year and was inviting other ehurehes to join in the ministry. The trip would eost $200, which includes meals and traveling expenses.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Mr. Gerald Smith presented the slate of offieers and committee members and made a motion that they be aeeepted as presented. The motion was approved with an unanimous vote.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Rev. Walter Hayes made a motion that we give DOM's wife, Wendy Cannon, a love gift of $50.00 for the work that she does at the associational office. The motion was seconded and approved.

Rev. Jerry Beck made a motion at 8:40 PM that the meeting be adjourned. DOM Cannon dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by:
Moderator, Richard Smith
Clerk, Virginia W. Gause

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
July 22, 2003

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on July 22, 2003 at 7:30 PM with Moderator Richard Smith presiding. The moderator called the meeting to order. Rev. Jimmy Strole led in devotion and prayer.

Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk made the roll call. There were eighteen (18) members present, representing fourteen (14) churches.

Mr. David Clark made a motion to accept the minutes of April 22, 2003 meeting as printed. A second to the motion was received and approved. (The minutes had been mailed to each executive member at an earlier date.)

REPORTS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: DOM reported in the absence of the Sunday School Director, Dr. Mike Thompson. He announced that there would be training in ways the Sunday School can be used to reach the lost. He also indicated that Sunday Schools across America are either plateaued or declining.

Rev. Rick Hughes, who was pastor several years ago of the fastest growing small church in North Carolina and currently with the BSCNC, will be with us on Thursday, August 21, 2003 to reveal a concept he has entitled, "Growing Your Church Through Bible Study Groups." The event will begin at 7:00 PM at the Fullers Restaurant with a free meal. He encouraged the pastors, chairmen of deacons and Sunday School Directors to attend.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING: No Report

MUSIC: Mr. Jason Atkinson announced that on September 5th & 6th and October 3rd & 4th there will be a music retreat at Camp Caraway and anyone interested in going to contact him. He also said that plans were in progress to have an associational Choir.

MEDIA LIBRARY: No report.

ANNUITY: No report.

BROTHERHOOD: DOM Cannon reported for Mr. Ewin Davis. The Bladen Baptist men have been very busy with mission's projects this summer. Many of the churches have been on mission trips to work in VBS, construction work, personal evangelism and other mission projects. Members of Bethel Baptist Church and New Beginnings Fellowship, who is currently under the watch care of the Association, and members of the Youth Committee of the Association are in the Appalachian area doing missions this week.

A group from the White Lake Baptist Church recently returned from a week in Alaska making ready the Laverne-Griffin Youth Camp for evangelism.

Members from Butters and Hickory Grove Baptist churches went on a mission trip to West Virginia. There were eight professions of faith and many recommitments to Christ were made. They completed a parsonage for a church and built a ramp for a child with spina bifida.

DOM reported on the World Changers who had come to our county and had made a great impact. Twenty home were repaired, many lives were touched and one was saved. Fifteen Bladen Baptist Churches (15) adopted World Changers teams to provide food and refreshments for the week. A team of forty people (40) from Bladen County is currently involved in World Changers in Birmingham, Alabama.

The Baptist Men have several events scheduled in the near future that will provide training for our members. On August 7, 2003, Mr. Darrell Shortt, Region 3 RA Leader, will be with us to train in the new Southern Baptist material known as "Sons of Virtue." A meal will be provided to those pastors, Baptist Men Directors and for dads with boys in grades 1-6. DOM encouraged the churches to take advantage of this training.

There will be a Region 3 Rally on Thursday, November 6, 2003 at the White Lake Baptist Church. A meal will be included in this rally. More information will be shared at a later date.

On November 13, 2003 the Bladen Baptist Men's training will be held at the Association Office and a meal will be included.

WMU: DOM Cannon reported for Ms. Glenda Ward. On April 15, 2003, the Bladen Baptist WMU held its annual meeting at Clarkton Baptist Church. Chaplain Bill Shourds of the International Seamen's Service, Inc. provided an informational and inspirational program. WMU officers for the upcoming year were presented Mrs. Jane Kinlaw will be the new Mission Friends Consultant. Mr. John and Mrs. Vickie Clark will be the Acteen & Youth on Missions Consultant. This past spring some of the WMU groups in the association cosponsored the Iraqi food drive. Some of the groups adopted World Changers teams in July. The new leadership team members along with the current director attended the annual training session at Caraway on July 11th & 12th. On July 26, the Bladen Baptist Association WMU will host a regional training session at Bladenboro First Baptist Church. Approximately eighty-one from Region 3 are expected to attend. Training for the associational church WMU leadership teams is scheduled for August 26.

ANNUITY: No Report

MISSION DEVELOPMENT: No Report

STEWARDSHIP: Mr. David Clark distributed a copy of the 2003 budget and 2004 proposed budget. There were no changes, and he made a motion that the proposed budget be approved as printed. The budget was approved with a unanimous vote.

EVANGELISM: Rev. Kincy Barrows announced that there would be a Back to School Bash on October 25th at 4:00 PM at the Elizabethtown Middle School football field. He was asking for financial support and for churches to get involved to reach young people for Christ.

DOM: DOM Cannon presented his report with the following items of interest:

1. World Changers did an outstanding job here. There were two hundred and fifty (250) people from nine (9) states who came to Bladen and Robeson Counties to repair homes. Twenty (20) homes had repair work done, which included roofing and roof repair as well as paint jobs. World Changes will be returning to Bladen County June 19-26, 2004.

2. See You At The Pole is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17, 2003. The theme this year is Consumed, taken from 1 Kings 18:36-39. There is a need for churches to adopt schools before the new school year begins. Plans need to be made, kids need to be trained and principals need to be contacted and become involved.

3. Food for Baptist Children's Home DOM asked for donations of food such as canned food, dry goods, or toiletry items and the items collected should be brought to the Bladen Baptist Association Office. During the week of August 25-30, a representative from the Children's Home will come and pick up the items to be delivered to the Baptist Children's Homes.

4. Ordination Service will be held at Sharon Baptist Church for Rev. Larry West, pastor of Faith Baptist Church. Rev. West and his wife, Vickie has two grown children. The ordination service will be at 6:00 PM on August 3, 2003.

5. Growing Your Church Through Bible Study Groups: Rev. Rick Hughes, BSCNC, will be at Fullers Restaurant in Elizabethtown, on August 21, 2003 at 7:00 PM to introduce a concept that many churches are using with tremendous results. The meal is free. The pastors, chairmen of deacons and Sunday School directors are urged to attend.

6. RA Training on "Sons of Virtue": There will be a training event on Thursday, August 7, 2003 at Butters Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 6:30 PM. All Baptist men and RA leaders are invited to attend.

7. Back To School Bash is scheduled on October 25, 2003, 4:00 PM at the Elizabethtown Middle School football field. Volunteers are needed to help with this event as well as give financial support.

8. Jesus Video Project: The Bladen Association is partnering with BSCHC to place a copy of the Jesus Video in every home in North Carolina. Out responsibility is to generate the funding necessary to provide a copy for every home. There are 13,979 homes in the county and the cost of the videos is approximately $2.80 each. He asked for a committee of three to be formed and promote the project as well as steer the fund raising.

9. WBTW-TV13 and WWAY-TV3 are both supporting the World Changers in a great way and will have TV coverage of the group at work. DOM showed a video of some of the work that the TV station had taken of the World Changers at work.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

NOMINATING: Mr. Gerald Smith presented the slate of officers, program leaders and committees for approval. Mrs. Angie Rogers, who had been nominated to serve as Director of Vacation Bible School, is no longer a member of a Southern Baptist church. There was an amended motion and second to remove Mrs. Rogers' name from the slate. This was approved and Mr. David Clark made a motion to accept the slate of officers and the motion received a second and was approved.

CALENDAR 2004: DOM made a motion that the 2004 Calendar be approved as presented to each member and that as need arise during the year to add the date of the event to the calendar. Motion was seconded and approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Moderator appointed the following three committees to be in place for the annual session to be in October as follows: Preacher & Place: Rev. Jimmy Strole, Rev. Ray Wilkins and Rev. Chad Ivester. Enrollment: Rev. Merle Johnson, his church clerk, Rev. Michael Skinner, his church clerk and Mrs. Virginia W. Gause. Resolution: Rev. David Rutland, Rev. Cameron McGill and Dr. Mike Thompson.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Rev. Jimmy Strole moved that the session adjourn at 8:26 PM. The motion received a second and Moderator Smith closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:
Richard Smith, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT 2003

This has been another good year for missions involvement in the Bladen Baptist Association. One of the highlights of the year was the *On Missions Celebration*, formerly known as the World Missions Conference. Many of our churches hosted missionaries during this several day event. Churches that did not host missionaries still participated by visiting with those congregations that did host the missionaries. We never once heard a negative comment about the *Celebration*. Not only did the missionaries speak in our churches, they also had opportunity to speak in several of the middle schools and high schools in the county.

Another highlight of the year was the *World Changers* coming to the county. Twenty homes in the Bladen County and Fairmont area were repaired by the approximately two

hundred fifty youth and youth leaders who came to our area, many from great distances. Comments such as *"They were a hard-working bunch of kids"* and *"I can't believe they would pay that much money to come here in July's heat to work that hard"* were heard. I want to thank everyone in the Bladen Association who worked hard to make this happen.

Another mission team went to Alaska this year. Led by Rev. Walter Hayes of White Lake Baptist Church, this team went to the Laverne-Griffin Youth Camp to get the camp ready for the summer's use. Many youth are discipled at this camp over the summer. Many others make first time professions of faith in Christ during the summer also.

Hurricane Isabel came into the easter North Carolina area and provided many opportunities to do missions work. Several staging areass were set up by the North Carolina Baptist Men to serve meals and host volunteer teams who would be able to help rebuild the homes and lives of those affected. It will take many months, if not years, for the families to get their lives back to a sense of normalcy.

Opportunities are still presenting themselves to get into our county schools. On September 17th *See You At The Pole* was observed with a total of 2,800 persons (students and faculty) praying around their school's flagpole. We praise the Lord for those willing to take stands in front of their peers. We are continuing to pray for the Lord to give us greater opportunities to reach into these huge mission fields (our county schools).

Though all of these good things are happening, the world is still dark and lost. Homes are still hurting. There has never been a greater need in time for the church to *be the church.* May God bless us to dream dreams of service to Him and may we work together in greater ways to impact our *Jerusalem, Judaea, Samaria, and the utmost part of the earth.*

Several of our long-tenured pastors resigned their churches this year. Rev. David Rutland resigned from Suggs Grove after serving there twenty-three years, Rev. Jerry Beck resigned after serving Bethel for fifteen years. Dr. Russell Cherry resigned Bladenboro First after serving there ten years. We deeply appreciate the ministries of these men! Another of our pastors, Rev. Orborn Gibson, Grace Baptist Church, went home to be with the Lord in September, 2003. He began serving Grace on November 1, 1957. He shall be missed indeed!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Bruce E. Cannon
Director of Missions

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING ANNUAL REPORT 2003

M-Night was held on November 25, 2002 at Bethel Baptist Church with 96 in attendance representing 10 churches. Both high attendance and high percentage attendance banners went to Bethel Church. Music was presented by Bethel Choir, Dublin Choir, and a piano solo by Jason Atkinson. Phyllis Elvington of Green Sea, South Carolina gave us a very inspirational message and challenge for our Discipleship Training program.

On March 29, we had Associational Bible Drill at Zion Hill Baptist Church. There were six children participating and five of them went on to be State winners on May 3 at Village Baptist Church in Fayetteville. Three of them were from Center Road Church and two of them were from Tar Heel Church. Immediately following the children's drill we had Youth Drill with four youth from Center Road Church participating. All four youth were State winners on May 2 at Village Baptist Church.

We are very proud of all who are working on Bible Drill. They are doing a fantastic job.

Please pray for the Discipleship Training Program in our association and for the Bible Drill for the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Etta Smith
Discipleship Supporter

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 2003

Just as our world is in the midst of change, so too is Sunday School. This year, Lifeway made major changes in the literature many of our churches use, including the use of the new Holman Christian Standard Bible. Some lines of literature were dropped, others changed a great deal. Some people welcomed the changes, while others were less pleased.

Another evidence of the changes taking place in our world is the development of alternative lines of literature from independent publishing companies. Many of our churches are using them. The days of all our people all using the same literature in all our classes, much less in all of our churches, has gone.

In an effort to deal with the changing climate in which we currently live, Rick Hughes from the Baptist State Convention, has offered our association the opportunity to be involved in a pilot program using a new process that should better prepare our Sunday School classes to reach people in our culture. During this past associational year, we participated in an introductory meeting concerning this new process. Several churches have expressed interest in this, and we should be beginning in the near future. It is not too late to get involved. Be in prayer about the possibility of your congregation participating in this pilot program, and contact either the associational office or myself if you are interested.

Sunday School is still the Bible teaching/reaching arm of the church. And, the Sunday School, with its emphasis on the Scriptures, is still the foundation on which we build our other programs. Let's work together, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to develop the best Sunday Schools we can have in Bladen Association. I thank you for the opportunity to serve the Lord and the people of our association in this capacity.

Mike Thompson
Associational Sunday School Director

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT 2003

God's Plan . . .My Part was the WMU theme for this past associational year. This past year WMU members found many avenues for being part of God's plan.

Each year WMU in North Carolina provides a gift box for the inmates in our state women's prison. Each association contributes a certain item on the Red Box gift list. We gave over 400 pairs of slouch socks for the Red Box project. In December, the WMU sponsored a Christmas dinner for the Hispanic community in Clarkton. Clarkton Baptist Church hosted the event. Food and toys for children were provided from churches all over the county. Approximately 80 people attended this event. Clarkton's WMU bagged the gifts and made stockings for the children. The Holy Spirit's presence was very evident. One family that had been invited many times to attend the Hispanic services attended for the first time. One person made a profession of faith that night! Individual churches sponsored many other projects. WMU groups also participated in the Iraqi food box project. Some groups provided meals for the World Changers in July. Some of the groups helped with the food drive for the Baptist Children's Homes in August. Some groups helped when the medical/dental van returned to Bladen County. Some provided the health kits for that ministry. Some groups sent Christmas card fronts for St. Jude's. Another group collected church envelopes for sending overseas for medical missions and baby clothes and food for the Health Department to give at Christmas. Tote bags were given to the Social Service Department to use for packing children's things during a crisis. Another group created welcome baskets for newcomers. A youth group in at least one church delivered Christmas cards within the church for the price of the stamp. The money went to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. The WMU Thrift Shop continued to operate through the help of many faithful volunteers. The Thrift Shop contributed $5000 to the associational budget. Many, many other mission actions were led by groups across the association.

Last year WMU observed the World Day of Prayer by opening the church doors of Bladenboro First Baptist from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. People were invited to drop in during those hours for a quiet time of prayer. Churches observed the International Mission Week of Prayer and the North American Mission Week of Prayer. Offerings for Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong and State Missions were taken. Mission studies and special speakers were also sponsored. In April many participated in the On Mission Celebration. Also in April WMU held the annual meeting. This year's speaker was Chaplain Bill Shourds from the International Seamen's Service, Inc. of Wilmington.

In July new WMU council members and the director attended the training session at Caraway. On July 26 the Bladen Association WMU hosted a regional meeting for WMU training at Bladenboro First. In August, Hickory Grove hosted the annual key leadership training for all church WMU leaders in the association.

Thanks be to God for allowing us to have "a part in His Plan."

Respectfully submitted,
Glenda Ward
Associational WMU Director

BROTHERHOOD REPORT
2003

The Bladen Baptist Association Baptist Men have been busy with handyman ministries and disaster recovery work this year. Hurricane Isabel came ashore in September as a Category 2 storm but was still pushing the tides inland as if it were still a Category 5. Much damage occured from the Carteret County area north on into Virginia. Thousands of homes have been badly damaged as a result of this storm and volunteer efforts are greatly needed at this time. The NC Baptist Men have set up Disaster Reeovery operations in Atlantic, Bayboro, and Williamston, NC. If you would like to volunteer in any of these areas please contact the Association Office for the necessary forms which must be completed before checking in at one of the staging areas. You may also call Gaylon Moss at 1-800-395-5102 or e-mail him at gmoss@bscnc.org for more information. If you eannot do the physical labor but would like to contribute to the Disaster Recovery efforts, please make checks payable to the North Carolina Baptist Men earmarked "Hurricane Isabel Disaster Recovery." (P.O. Box 1107, Cary NC 27512-1107).

The Disaster Van is fully equipped and operational. Anyone wishing to use it to do handyman work is welcome to do so. Please call the Association Office and reserve it for the dates you will need it.

Another mission trip to Alaska was taken this year. Rev. Walter Hayes led the team of eleven to the Laverne-Griffin Youth Camp to get it ready for the summer's use. This eamp serves as a training point for the Alaska church leaders and as a place to have summer camps for the unchurched in the area. Each year many youth come to know Christ as Savior through the efforts undertaken there.

A Region Three Baptist Men's Rally is scheduled for November 6th and will be held in the Bladen Association at the White Lake Baptist Church. A free meal will be provided for those who attend. More information about the program will be shared as the date draws nearer.

The Baptist Men's Training Event in the Bladen Association is scheduled for Thursday, November 13th, and will be held at the Bladen Baptist Association. A meal will be provided for those who attend.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Baptist Men's Director. If I may help you regarding missions in any way please feel free to call on me.

Respeetfully submitted,
Ewin Davis
Associational Baptist Men's Director

EVANGELISM REPORT 2003

The Evangelism Committee of the Bladen Baptist Association met on several occasions during the year to talk about, among other things, placing a copy of the *Jesus Video* in every home in Bladen County. This idea came about as a result of the Evangelism Department of the North Carolina Baptist Convention who is encouraging every Association to be involved in this effort; thereby placing a witness of the Gospel in every home in North Carolina. Other states are in the process of doing this in their respective areas with wonderful results.

To achieve this task 13,979 copies of the Jesus Video will have to be purchased for a total cost of approximately $39,000 (including postage and shipping). The videos will be purchased at a per item cost of approximately $2.85 which is considerably less than the normal cost of $5.00.

Three committees will need to be in place to handle this task. First, there needs to be a finance committee to get the funds raised. Already serveral thousand dollars have been pledged by our churches. Second, a spiritual emphasis committee will need to be in place to get our churches ready for the harvest that will occur. Third, a church enlistment committee will need to be in place to encourage as many churches as possible to be involved.

It is the hope of the Evangelism Committee of the Association that all of our churches will support this project and volunteer to serve on these committees. To do so simply call the Association Office at 862-3496 and talk with Rev. Cannon.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Jerry Beck
Chairman, Evangelism Committee

DEACON CONSULTANT REPORT 2003

The Scriptures tell us in Acts 6, "Seek ye out men of good report, filled with the Holy Spirit." These "servants" are called Deacons. To help prepare these men so that they might accomplish what God called them to do, the Bladen Baptist Association held a Deacon's/ Wives' Retreat at Camp McNeill, the Boy Scout Camp in Bladen County. Rev. Dan Deaton, Director of Missions in the Little River Baptist Association, was the guest speaker. His theme was, "Deacons Role Inside The Church" and "Deacons Role Outside The Church."

As your Deacon Consultant I attended the Key Leadership Conference held this year at Caswell and stand ready to help any of our churches in any way possible.

May God bless each of you as you seek to make your church the very best ever.

Rev. David Rutland
Deacon Consultant

ASSOCIATIONAL MUSIC REPORT 2003

Another year has come and gone. The Lord has blessed each one of us tremendously. I want to thank everyone for their prayers and support throughout this past year. As I begin my third year as Director of Music Ministries for the Bladen Baptist Association, I have several goals for our Music Department. However, it is going to take commitment, prayer, and support from each church to help reach these goals. First, I would love to form an associational choir. God has blessed our communities well with musical talent and ability. This group would be one for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with others through music and fellowship with one another. Second, I would love to establish an associational music library. Several of our churches are financially unable to purchase music, cantatas, and musical supplies.

I feel that we should all share with each other what God has blessed us with. Music just lying around in the back of the choir room or storage room isn't doing anyone any good, but it could be just the right piece of music that would lead someone to Christ if it is used somewhere else. This has been a very heavy burden upon my heart. Another goal that I have for our associational music department is more involvement from the music directors, choir directors, pianists, organists, instrumentalist, and choir members. I want to see our music department active and on fire for the Lord, but we cannot do that unless we get involved and take a step for the cause of Christ. Sometimes, it is necessary that we leave our comfort zones and take that step of faith. Remember that faith can move mountains. Often, I feel that people take music too lightly in our churches. Music prepares the heart for worship and reception to the "wooing" of the Holy Spirit. Please continue to pray for the music ministry of the Bladen Baptist Association and of each church. I am always willing to come to your church and assist you in your musical needs at any time, whether it is working with choirs, instrumentalists, or finding materials. The Lord has called me to serve and I want to be a working vessel for him. I want this year to be a "new beginning" for our associational music department, but it's going to take prayer, commitment, faith, and trust in God to do it.

Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name! Psalm 103:1

Respectfully Submitted,
Jason Brian Atkinson
Director of Music Ministries

ORDINATION COUNCIL REPORT 2003

The Ordination Council of the Bladen Baptist Association stands ready to assist churches in questioning and recommending any member of the local congregation for ordination who has given evidence of being called of God to the Gospel Ministry, has been licensed by their church and called to a pastoral position.

The Ordination Council was asked to question and make recommendation to the West Bladenboro Baptist Church concerning their newly called pastor, Rev. Boyd Britt. It was a pleasure to work with Brother Boyd during this examination process. Brother Boyd was found to be very sound in his beliefs and very committed to his call as pastor. Therefore the Ordination Council gave its approval to the Church for ordination. We welcome Brother Boyd to our Association.

Faith Baptist Church called Rev. Larry West as pastor during this year. Brother Larry was examined by the New South River Association and approved for ordination by them. The ordination service took place at the Sharon Baptist Church. We welcome Brother Larry to our Association also.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Jerry Beck, Chairman

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT/LEISURE MINISTRY REPORT 2003

Our Leisure Report season ended Labor Day Weekend at the White Lake Campgrounds. It has been another good year for the campground ministries. Services were conducted at Harold's, Langston, Marshburn, Regal Resort and Tar Heel Campgrounds. There were sixty-two services with a total of one thousand one hundred fifty-seven persons in attendance.

The Golf Cart purchased last year has proven to be a very valuable addition to this ministry. Many more contacts can be made, more tracts can be distributed, and more lives touched because of the increased mobility the cart provides in going from location to location.

I would like to again say "thank you" for all you do to help reach PEOPLE with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Chirst. To all the workers who provided services, to people who helped set up the equipment, and to all of the Bladen Baptist people who prayed for us as we reached out with the love of God I say "THANK YOU." If you would like to help with this work, feel free to call me and we will put you and your teams to work all over Bladen County.

Thank You
Rev. Walter Hayes
Missions Development Director /
Leisure Ministry Director

WHITE LAKE LEISURE MINISTRY - SUMMER 2003

Campsites	Number Of Services	Attendance	Average Attendance	Offerings
Harolds	11	116	11	$ 130.00
Langston	14	413	30	$ 1619.87
Marshburn	12	168	14	$ 653.00
Regal Resort	12	233	19	$ 208.08
Tar Heel	12	227	17	$ 315.79
TOTALS	**62**	**1157**	**19**	**$2,926.74**

A Special Thank You to all the workers this Summer.
Rev. Ray Bledsole, Mr. Keith Dowd, Mr. David Bishop and Rev. Tommy Bryan donated their mileage this summer.

EXPENDITURES:

Tracts	$ 555.00
Hospice Tournament	38.14
Platform - Langston	210.03
Candy for Parade	70.59
World Changers	33.33
Bank Charges	55.00
Fuller's	189.58
Bradley Butler	325.00
Clayton Tyndall	300.00
Jeff Walker	100.00
John Denson	100.00
TOTAL	$1,976.67

September 20, 2002	BALANCE	$ 2,017.05
Baptist State Convention		1,699.92
Offerings		2,926.74
Total Cash to Date		6,643.71
Less Listed Expenditures		1,976.67
September 12, 2003		$ 4,667.04
BALANCE ON CD		$7,503.36

Respectfully Submitted By
Joyce H. Thomas, Treasurer

"HISTORICAL EVENTS" 2003

Beards Chapel: Installed New Sound System.

Bethel: Resignation of our Pastor, Rev. Jerry Beck. Hosted "World Changers" during the time they worked in our area.

Briar Branch: On November 17, 2002 three new Deacons were ordained, Larry Billups, Albin Smith and Harold Davis. Rev. Bruce Cannon brought the message.

Center Road: Deacons ordained: Barry Carroll and Dwayne Johnson

Council: Participated in Shoe Box Christmas Child. Participated in sending Food to Iraq. Participated in sending food to Baptist Children's Homes. Send monthly donation to Bladen Pregnancy Support Services.

Dublin, First: Ordination of new Deacons: James Brent Bryan, Steve Nicholson and Michael Wyatt. The church purchased a tract of land behind the church for future use as need arises. NC Baptist Men Medical/Dental Van participated in a day of service at our church. The youth rode on float in the Peanut Festival Parade and distributed New Testaments and Jesus Videos. The women and young people had a special program to celebrate the 90th Girls Auxiliary (GA) Birthday. The WMU collected slouch socks for the "Red Box Ministry" for the NC Women's Prison.

Faith: GA's were organized.

Galeed: Co-Hosted Bladenboro World Changers. Sponsored group to Alabama World Changers. Began forty days of "Purpose Campaign."

Grace: Dedicated new addition of church to Rev. Orborne Gibson on November 24, 2002.

Hickory Grove: Rev. James Brooks honored as Pastor Emeritus for twenty-five years of service.

Love Grove: Continued to work on multi-purpose building. Landscaping around church. Started Children's Church for 3-5 year olds.

White Oak: New Sanctuary lights.

"HISTORIAN REPORT"

The historical events listed are taken from the "Congregation Profiles".

As in the years since our Centennial celebration in 1992, when a brief history of all the churches in the Association were compiled into a book entitle "**A Pictorial Directory of the Churches of the Bladen Baptist Association**," we have been profiling two churches taken from this book each year. This year in the "Book of Reports" Dublin First Baptist is profiled on the front cover and Richardson Baptist Church on the back cover.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ethlene Barnes, Historian

REPORT FOR 2003 BOOK OF REPORTS
OFFICE OF ANNUITY

The last three years have indeed been challenging for participants in the Annuity Board retirement plans. During a time that climaxed the worst three-year stock market cycle since 1941 many of our retirement participants have been challenged to look more carefully and monitor more closely their asset allocation with a determined focus on their long-term retirement goals. AB Funds Trust through the Annuity Board has continued to perform at or above respective bench marks in the equity and bond investment industries despite volatile market conditions.

In an effort to meet constituency needs the Capital Preservation Fund was offered as a 14th investment choice on April 1, 2003. The fund seeks to maximize current income while seeking to maintain a stable value per share. The crediting rate is reset quarterly, is net of all fees and will be announced at least two weeks prior to the quarter's end. The fund is suitable for investors who want to preserve capital and are seeking higher current income than a money market fund over most time periods.

The continuing national health crisis characterized by increases in drug costs, provider expenses, consumer demand, and government regulation tops the list in fueling rising health care costs. General inflation and industry litigation fees have also added to the costs. The Annuity Board continues to seek ways to provide affordable health care products. New health initiatives/plans are under consideration and will be available on January 1, 2004.

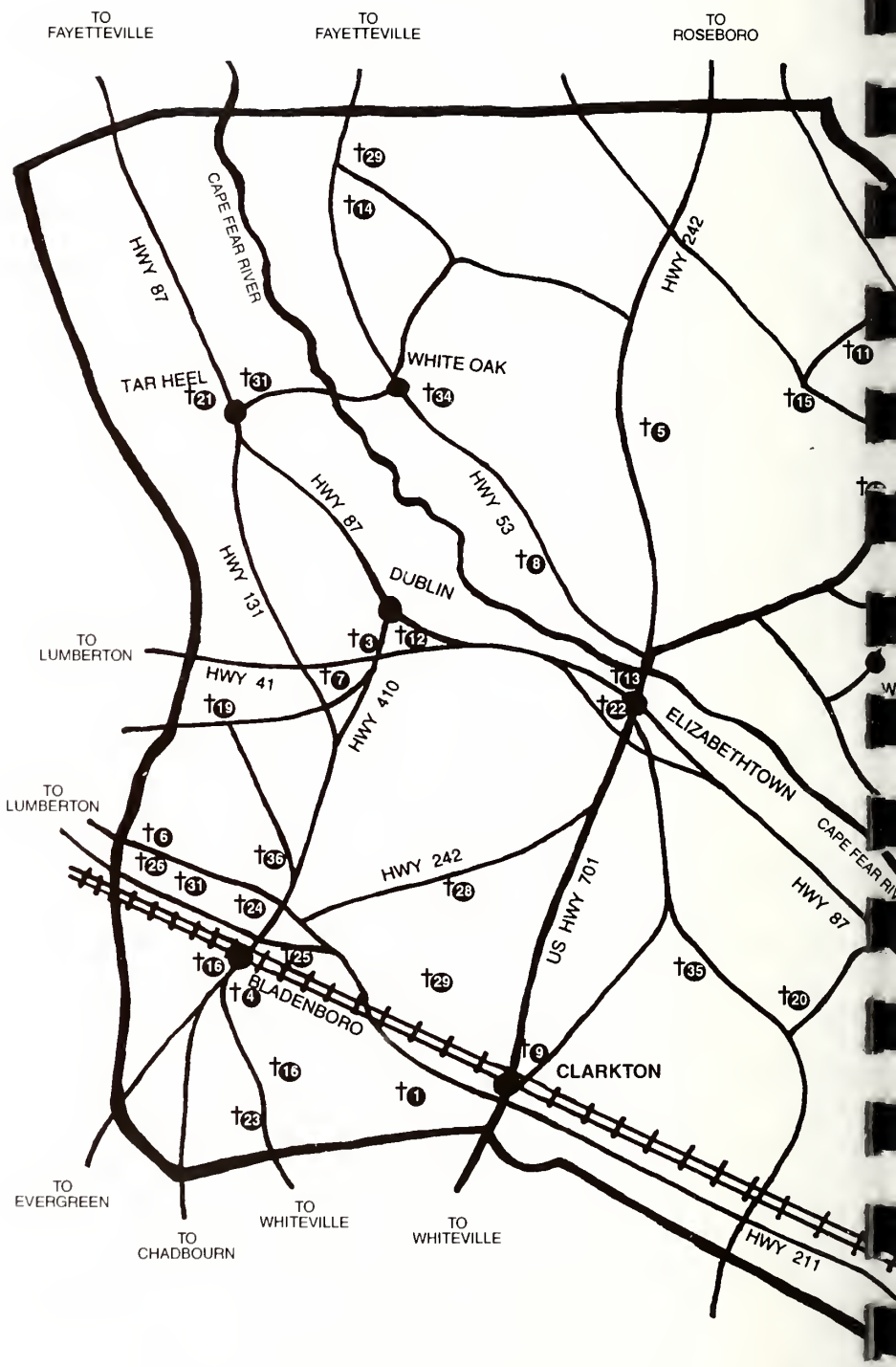
As a result of these escalating costs for medical insurance, too many of our churches have decided they can not provide this coverage as a benefit for their ministers/church employees. Unfortunately, those who labor under the burden of a "pay package" have seen an enormous erosion of their disposable income. We continue to encourage churches to provide adequate benefits (insurance coverage, retirement, and social security offset) separate from salaries for their ministers and staff and to structure/administer compensation that takes full advantage of the tax laws. The 2002 SBC Compensation Study has proved to be a very valuable resource in assisting church leaders as they strive to provide fair and equitable compensation for those whom God has called to provide spiritual leadership of our Baptist churches across the state of North Carolina from Manteo to Murphy.

The relief ministry through the Annuity Board continues to provide assistance to those needy, retired ministers and to their widowed spouses. Presently, 386 North Carolinians are being helped by the Adopt An Annuitant and Relief Ministries.

As of June 30, 2003, 61% (2,326) of our NC churches were actively participating in the retirement plan, and a record number of 2,879 were receiving benefits. Of course, our goal is to have all of our churches actively participating in the retirement plan provided by the Annuity Board of the SBC.

In closing, we remain committed to serve all of our churches, ministries, and other church employees. For more information related to products or services, call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1-800-395-5102 extensions 171 or 174, visit our Web site at www.bscnc.org, call the Annuity Board at 1-800-262-0511, or visit the Annuity Board Web site at www.absbc.org.

Johnny E.Ross,
Senior Consultant Annuity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Churches of
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1. ABBOTTSBURG
2. BEARDS CHAPEL
3. BETHEL
4. BLADENBORO, FIRST
5. BRIAR BRANCH
6. BUTTERS
7. CENTER ROAD
8. CHRIST COMMUNITY
9. CLARKTON, FIRST
10. COUNCIL
11. CYPRESS CREEK
12. DUBLIN, FIRST
13. ELIZABETHTOWN
14. FAITH
15. FRIENDSHIP
16. GALEED
17. GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION
18. GRACE
19. HICKORY GROVE
20. LISBON
21. LOVE GROVE
22. NEW BEGINNINGS
23. NEW CENTER
24. NORTHSIDE
25. PEACE
26. RICHARDSON
27. RIVERSIDE
28. SANDY GROVE
29. SHADY GROVE
30. SUGGS GROVE
31. TAR HEEL
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36. ZION HILL

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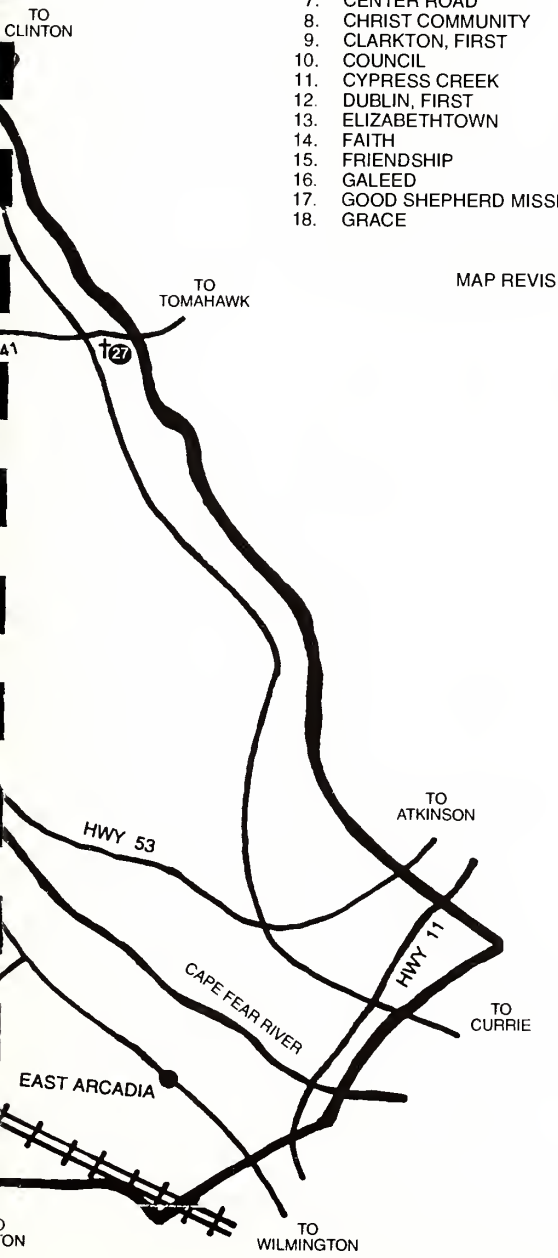

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Baptist make a difference... This summer Baptist Children's Homes had a very special guest on the Mills Home campus in Thomasville. Many Baptists will remember Patricia Sutherland. She has shared her story at multiple state conventions, and her life has been shared in **Charity & Children** on a couple of occasions. Patricia is a beautiful young woman and a rising senior at Toccoa Falls College in northern Georgia. Looking at Patricia today, you would not recognize her as the same little girl who came to Baptist Children's Homes 11 years ago.

As a young child, she lived with abusive, alcoholic and drug-addicted parents who forced her to lie about their abuse. The little girl was threatened with a pistol held to her head and made to sleep on cold hardwood floors. Her abuse and neglect were compounded by a severe medical condition. Because her parents were unable to properly care for Patricia, she went months at a time without the daily medication she so desperately needed.

Then one day, Patricia found the security she had longed for at our Broyhill Home in Clyde. But even at Broyhill Home her life wasn't easy. Patricia has Turner's syndrome, a condition affecting her balance and coordination and stunting her growth. Because she was awkward and clumsy, other children made fun of her at school. But her physical problems only seemed to make her stronger.

While at Mills Home this summer, Patricia was asked to share her story with the girls on campus. She boldly assured them that God has a plan for their life. But then she challenged the girls by telling them it is their choice. They can put their past behind them and trust God and follow His lead, or they can wander through life lost.

Because of your help, children like Patricia are rescued from the jaws of hopelessness and despair, set on solid ground, supported by loving Christian men and women, and are given hope so they can realize their dreams – dreams that at one time in their lives, they could never imagine were possible.

Baptists Respond to Needs Donating Towels, Bedding and Food. If you ask North Carolina Baptists for help, expect them to provide in a big way. When the word went out to North Carolina's WMU that Baptist Children's Homes needed towels and washcloths, hundreds of women in churches across the state provided them. Towels and washcloths flooded in to all BCH locations. When Baptists learned that pillows and sheets were needed in BCH cottages, an avalanche of bedding poured in. And BCH's first statewide food roundup is bringing great enthusiasm and response.

14,640 Baptists Pray for North Carolina Children. More than one hundred BCH children and staff presented the Chain of Prayer at the 172nd Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem. The chain consisted of 14,640 strips of brightly colored paper inscribed with the written prayers of North Carolina Baptist men, women, and children. Each prayer made up an individual link in the Chain of Prayer. The effort was a BCH initiative and was promoted in North Carolina Baptist churches. The Chain of Prayer united thousands of people and represented their belief in the power of God to meet the needs voiced in the prayers.

BCH Hosts National Child Care Executive Meeting. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell and Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina hosted the fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Baptist Child Care Executives April 22-24 in Greensboro. Directors and other top management of Baptist child care agencies representing as many as 19 states attended the annual meeting. The conference serves as a time of fellowship and continuing education for participants. A highlight took place Wednesday evening with "Pigpickin' in Mayberry" at Mills Home in Thomasville. Children and staff recreated the sights and sounds of the popular sixties television program ***The Andy Griffith Show.***

Historic Ice Storm Wreaks Havoc. Mills Home in Thomasville, BCH's oldest facility and flagship campus, suffered major damage due to one of the worse ice storms to ever hit the Piedmont. The cost due to the loss, cleanup and repairs reached tens of thousands of dollars. No injury or harm came to the children and staff. Duke Power called the ice storm the worst in its 100-year history. Parts of the campus remained without electricity for as long as five days. Baptists from across the state sent funds and relief groups to aid in the clean-up efforts reducing the storm's economic effects.

North Carolina Baptist Church Donates Property and $100,000 to Help Build a New Group Home for Developmentally Disabled Adults. Asheville's Calvary Baptist Church dedicated property they donated to Baptist Children's Homes and presented $100,000 to help construct the Alverta Bolick Home for developmentally disabled adults on June 8, 2003. The financial gift was made possible through the generosity of the late Alverta Bolick. The group home will be built adjacent to the church and provide a home for six residents.

Baptist Children's Homes Faces Serious Financial Challenges. This year, Baptist Children's Homes took necessary actions to offset further economic hardships. With an overwhelming decline in income and a projected budget deficit of $4 million for fiscal 2003-2004, BCH cut the 2003-2004 budget (effective October 1, 2003). The cuts resulted in the closing of one or more cottages in four of BCH's Family Service Areas, the closing of Baptist Maternity Home in Asheville, the elimination of the agency's Intensive Family Preservation Services, and a reduction of 68 and one half budgeted positions. (Due to positions currently vacant and the reassignment of some staff, the actual net loss of people was 31.)

BCH. . . Focused on the Future. Despite the trying times, Baptist Children's Homes continues to be committed to providing only the highest quality of service. Children who come through BCH's doors continue to receive an abundance of love, care and healing. A dedicated staff serves and gives of themselves sacrificially. The lives of children and families are worth every effort. Although facing critical financial times, BCH holds true to its mission of ***"helping hurting children. . . healing broken families."***

The support of North Carolina Baptists through the Thanksgiving Offering, Cooperative Missions giving, church and individual gifts, memorials, honors, and estate gifts enables BCH to provide care for more than 2000 children through our locations across the state. ***Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for your continued prayers and support. We could not do what we do without you.***

Michael C. Blackwell, President
James D. Goldston, III, Board of Trustees Chair
Fall 2003

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC. 2002 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and serivces provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

During 2002, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 28 endowment funds and 17 charitable remainder trusts totaling $1.5 million and received $3.3 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $1.5 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $6.3 million in contributions during 2002 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of Decc mber 31, 2002, the Foundation held $96.4 million under management.

During 2002, our distributions totaled $5.8 million, with charity receiving $3.5 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.3 million. During the 83-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $23.1 million has been distributed to individuals and $40.3 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $63.4 million.

Harold G. Koger, Chair, Board of Directors
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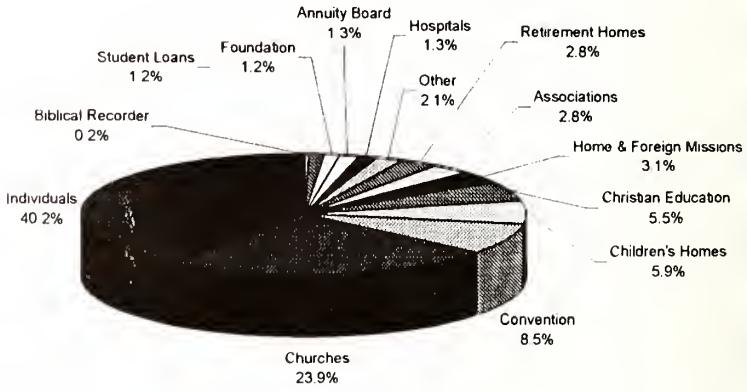

BAPTIST HOSPITAL REPORT
Meeting the Challenges of Health Care 2003

BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS: EXTENDING THE HEALING TOUCH OF CHRIST

North Carolina Baptist Hospital admitted its first patient on May 30,1923, culminating a vision of the Baptist State Convention to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Eighty years later, in 2003, we remain firmly committed to the original mission of providing the highest quality medical care marked by excellence, integrity, innovation, and compassion consistent with the teachings of Christ. This report highlights our partnership in missions with North Carolina Baptists.

BAPTIST BENEVOLENT CARE FUND

The Convention established the annual Mother's Day Offering in 1924 to help patients in financial need pay their hospital bills, to lift heavy burdens in the name of Jesus Christ and his love. Since that time every dollar of every gift has been used for that purpose—caring for children like Haleigh in her battle with cancer, and adults like Wade and Vickie. You have made a tremendous difference in their lives and many others just like them. Please read their inspiring stories of thankfulness in the new Mother's Day Offering web site (**www.ncbhmothersday.org**). ***Thank you,*** North Carolina Baptists, for giving $600,372 to this ministry in 2002!

SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE

The fruits of Cooperative Giving by North Carolina Baptists are evidenced in life-changing ministries of the School of Pastoral Care. Our mission is ***"to provide ministries of growth, hope, and healing in the Spirit of Christ." Thank you,*** North Carolina Baptists, for extending the healing reach of Christ to thousands of hurting people through our ministries.

Baptist Hospital CareNet Counseling Centers, our Department of Pastoral Counseling, annually provides over 24,500 hours of counseling at 22 locations across our state. This ministry brings emotional and spiritual healing, consistent with the compassion of Christ, to those who have been broken. Our counselors are licensed professionals with deeply held personal faith. They extend the ministry of churches, receiving many referrals from Baptist pastors on behalf of church members who are hurting. Approximately 40% of our counseling hours are provided to Baptists.

The Center for Congregational Health has continued to develop vital ministries. Nearly 600 church leaders received training in the past year through the Center's programs of ***leadership development***. "The Pastor as Spiritual Guide" and "Young Leaders" programs have proven to be highly beneficial for N.C. Baptist ministers, deepening their faith as spiritual leaders for their churches. Approximately 25 churches per month have benefited from the Center's ***consulting ministry***. Initial, expert consultations are provided free to N.C. Baptist churches thanks to Cooperative Giving. ***Intentional Interim ministers*** trained by the Center continue to serve churches in our state, across the nation, and Australia. Mentoring programs for young ministers are also being provided.

The Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education provides ministry to patients, families, and staff through more than 61,000 pastoral contacts each year, extending great compassion and hope in the name of Jesus Christ. Specialized training in hospital ministry was provided to 63 students in the past year, making our Clinical Pastoral Education program one of the largest in the nation.

The Department of Church and Community Relations receives no Cooperative Program funds, but serves as a vital liaison to N.C. Baptist churches. The department ministers to over 150 Baptists per year by facilitating physician appointments or helping others with concerns about medical bills. Many of those who are helped have no health insurance and are burdened by financial need.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Ministry to Ministers and Their Families

- Baptist Hospital provides a ***subsidy of up to 25%*** for the hospital bills of N.C. Baptist ministers and their families. This amounted to $79,248 in FY 2003. The subsidy comes from the hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund, with assistance from the Mother's Day Offering as needed.
- The ***Ministers Care Plan*** provides a subsidy to full-time, ordained ministers serving North Carolina Baptist churches, and their immediate family members, who need the support of counseling to recover from emotional pain and stress. Clients pay $20 per session at a CareNet Counseling Center. The Baptist State Convention and CareNet pay for the remainder of the cost. Please call Rev. Paul Mullen, Director of Church and Community Relations, for more information (336-716-3027).

Ranked Among the Nation's Best Hospital

- North Carolina Baptist Hospital is ranked in the top 50 among ***"America's Best Hospitals"*** according to the July 2003 issue of *U.S. News and World Report.*
- Our hospital continues to be ranked in the ***top 1 percent in patient satisfaction*** among our peers in the United States, according to Press Ganey, the health care industry's top patient satisfaction measurement firm.
- We continue to be recognize as a ***Magnet Hospital for Excellence in Nursing,*** demonstrating outstanding nursing leadership and high quality patient care. Baptist Hospital was one of the first hospitals in the nation to earn this recognition from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, the nation's leading nursing credentialing organization.
- Our Medical Center's cancer treatment programs are ranked 21st in the nation by U.S. News and World Report. ***A new facility for our Comprehensive Cancer Center*** is under construction and due to open in June 2004. Patients will receive coordinated care, such as required tests, scans, and treatment, in a single visit.

Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, contact HEALTH-ON-CALL at 1-800-446-2255 or 316-716-2255.

CLOSING WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

The initial vision of North Carolina Baptists to extend the healing touch of Christ has unfolded in remarkable ways at Baptist Hospital over the past 80 years. As Christ ministered to those who were broken in body, mind, or spirit and made them whole, we continually strive to follow his example. We consider it a sacred responsibility and profound privilege to serve him in this mission of healing. We are thankful to you, North Carolina Baptists, for being our partners in ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
Len B. Preslar, Jr., President
The North Carolina Baptist Hospital

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OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED
Proudly Serving Older Adults Since 1951

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Making Life for Older Adults . . . the "Best of Times"

Baptist Retirement Homes continues to move forward with strength in meeting the needs of North Carolina's fastest growing age group...its senior population. Of particular interest to North Carolina Baptists, are the growing numbers of Older Adults who deal with dementia-related conditions such as Alzheimer's Disease. In North Carolina, approximately 50 percent of those who reach age 85 struggle with some measure of dementia. The Kulynych Memory Enhanced Residence at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, the Fowler Memory Enhanced Residence at the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, and the Memory Enhanced Residence at the Gardens of Taylor Glen Retirement Community provide environments designed to "enhance" and "retain" the short and long-term memory of those struggling with such disorders. The Hamilton Baptist Home and The Taylor House also provide exceptional programs for Older Adults with dementia.

The picture shared with this report reflects the kind of environments mentioned above that allow residents to receive care in a setting that feels like Home.

Because of the generous financial support received from North Carolina Baptists for the convention's "poor elderly" population, Baptist Retirement Homes has been able to provide more than $1.7 million in benevolent care in 2002. Thank You, North Carolina Baptists!

- Brookridge Retirement Community, Winston-Salem 336-759-1044
- The Gardens of Taylor Glen, Concord 704-788-6510
- Hamilton Baptist Home, Hamilton 252-798-5901
- In-Home Care, Winston-Salem 336-722-1470
- The Taylor House, Albemarle 704-982-4217
- Western North Carolina Baptist Home, Asheville 828-254-9675
- Reynolda Road Office, Winston-Salem 336-725-0202
- The Baptist Elder Care Network — 1-800-887-7410

BIBLICAL RECORDER
2003 ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT

The *Biblical Recorder* is celebrating its 170th anniversary in 2003 by remaining true to its original mission of publishing relevant news and fostering healthy dialogue among members of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The world is far different than it was when Thomas Meredith founded the *Biblical Recorder,* but the importance of communication and conversation among Baptists remains unchanged, and the current landscape has many similarities with the one Meredith faced in 1833. Baptists were struggling for growth and shaping their identity in 1833. In time, Baptists came to dominate the denominational landscape of North Carolina, but a variety of societal, demographic and other changes have diminished the overall Baptist presence once again.

And, as early Baptists were often divided over theology, with some clinging to predestination while others championed free will, today's North Carolina Baptists face a changing landscape that features a variety of ways to express our Baptist identity. It has never been more important for North Carolina Baptists to be informed of the many issues affecting Baptist life, mission work and mutual cooperation.

The *Biblical Recorder* exists to provide this needed service to Baptists in North Carolina and beyond. The *Recorder* staff works diligently to provide regular, dependable and balanced news coverage and analysis of the most significant matters relating to Baptist life. In addition, the *Biblical Recorder* includes a variety of supportive resources and feature articles designed to encourage and inspire as well as to inform.

The *Recorder* was privately owned and operated in support of Baptist work in North Carolina until 1938, when the paper was purchased by the Baptist State Convention and incorporated as an agency of the convention. It serves as the official news publication of the Convention, and seeks to serve the full spectrum of its churches.

The *Biblical Recorder* is widely acknowledged to be in the top echelon of state Baptist papers, winning national honors from the Baptist Communicator's Association for editorial writing in 2000, for design in 2001, and for news writing in 2000, 2001, and 2002 -- including the association's grand prize for news writing in 2001.

In addition to its printed form, the *Biblical Recorder* maintains a popular and rapidly growing presence on the World Wide Web at www.biblicalrecorder.org. The Web site provides much of each paper's content online, as well as to access classified ads, online Bible study resources and a portal to other news services. Thousands of interested readers around the world consult the online version regularly.

The Web presence became even more important in late 2003, a the *Recorder* shifted from a publication schedule of 40 issues per year to 27 regular issues plus periodic special issues. The move, made as a matter of stewardship, coincided with the addition of new features and improvements to the Website, including more frequent news updates.

CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE

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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ASSOCIATIONS 2003

The Christian Action League of North Carolina, Inc. continues to work vigorously to address public policy and legislative matters from a Christian worldview. Our purpose is to assist the church in its mission to fulfill the Cultural Mandate. It is a joy to serve in this capacity. This report contains highlights of this year's efforts.

A. Promotion of Christian Values

- CAL continues to promote and distribute copies of the *Ten Commandments* across North Carolina. Over 18,000 have been distributed statewide. CAL has just created a new print of the *Ten Commandments* and its very first edition of *God's Covenant With America*; both of which will be ready for distribution in the near future. *God's Covenant With America* features an American paraphrase of Deuteronomy 8:7-20 written by CAL's Director. The new *Ten Commandments* print and *God's Covernant with America* can be purchased separately or together, simply as a print, or framed. Both can be beautifully displayed in a church, home or business.

- CAL has a new interactive website www.christianactionleague.net. The website not only provides information about CAL, but is designed to keep the church abreast of the latest developments in the General Assembly of North Carolina and the U.S. Congress. The website includes weekly editorials by its Executive Director, Rev. Mark Creech, as well as guest commentaries. Also included is a National Christian newswire that is updated daily, feature stories of Christians making a difference in the culture war and various other Christian resources.

- CAL continues to publish a weekly email "Issues Alert" that keeps approximately 1500 people on the frontlines of Christian activism. The email "Issues Alert" addresses increased by 500 people this year. It is designed not only to inform but also to stir God's people to take action via legislative contacts, etc. Those interested in receiving the weekly email Issues Alert should go to CAL's website at www.christianactionleague.net and click on "Be A Beacon of Light."

- Because Pornography has become a pervasive problem in the church as well as society, the Christian Action League now offers a Seminar to help pastors deal with its influence. The very first seminar, *The Pastor and Pornography*, was held this year in Lexington for the North Carolina Sheriff's Association. The seminar was so successful, the same group has requested it be held for them a second time in October. Associational pastors' conferences or other groups interested in having the two-hour siminar should contact the Christian Action League.

- CAL's quarterly newsletter, *The Beacon*, was distributed only once this year. The newsletter is sent to approximately 23,000 people, but could not be sent for the 2nd and 3rd quarters of this year. The expenditure was unjustifiable because of a lack of funds. Pay for staff and critical legislative matters demanded all the financial resources available. CAL's objective is to revive the newsletter in the future in a way that will make it self-supporting.

B. Lobbying the Legislative

- This year most of CAL's lobbying was preoccupied with the numerous pieces of alcohol legislation that were introduced. Although CAL was unable to stop three alcohol bills that lowered the alcohol-to-food ratio in restaurants, broadened the scope of local option alcohol referenda, and allowed in-state and out-of-state wineries to deliver their products via the mail, we were able to stop five other serious alcohol measures. These measures were even more critical in their implications because they would have either

ended local option alcohol referenda, made local option obsolete, bypassed local option completely bypassed North Carolina's three-tiered system of alcohol control, or privatized alcohol sales in our State. We were able to help get **SB 996-ABC Sexually Explicit Conduct Banned** passed – a bill that bans sexually explicit conduct on ABC Licenses' premises.

- CAL also opposed a two year moratorium on the death penalty, lobbied in favor of "sin taxes" on alcohol and tobacco, as well as a ban on video poker, and succeeded in turning back the lottery.

- This year, CAL's name or the name of its Director were mentioned during debate on the House floor three different times as a means of clarifying, promoting or opposing a position on some piece of legislation. This is the first time anything of this nature has ever happened in CAL's history. This clearly demonstrates CAL's growing influence on North Carolina lawmakers.

- CAL presented the book, *It's Who You Know*, by Franklin Graham, to North Carolina lawmakers to show the importance of having a personal relationship with Christ and to say thank you for their service. While the Christian Action League focuses on legislative issues, Rev. Creech felt the Gospel of Christ was the most important issue he could share with the legislators.

C. **Local Option Alcohol Referenda**

- This year CAL assisted with five local option alcohol referendums. The results of those referendums include: 1 postponement, 1 defeat (referendum succeeded), 3 victories (referendum did not succeed).

For A Better North Carolina,

Reverend Mark H. Creech,
Executive Director

Reverend Coy Privette,
President

*** For a more detailed report on the Christian Action League's activities in 2003, check our website at www.christianactionleague.net and log on to 2003 Annual Report in the Menu section.**

COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN HIGHER EDUCATION
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina 2003

- Chowan College 800-488-4101 (www.chowan.edu)
  Dr. M. Christopher White, Interim President
- Campbell University 800-334-4111 (www.campbell.edu)
  Dr. Jerry M. Wallace, President
- Gardner-Webb University 800-253-6472 (www.gardner-webb.edu)
  Dr. Frank R. Campbell, Interim President
- Mars Hill College 866-642-4968 (www.mhc.edu)
  Dr. Dan G. Lunsford, President
- Wingate University 800-755-5550 (www.wingate.edu)
  Dr. Jerry E. McGee, President

Christian higher education represents one of the enduring values of the Baptist State Convention. Since it's founding in 1830, North Carolina Baptists have supported Christian higher education through gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget, Baptist State Convention.

Our state and Convention depends upon the graduates of our institutions to lead us. The classrooms across our state are filled with teachers who have received their training from one of our campuses. North Carolina businesses are staffed with people who have been challenged during their formal education on our Baptist campuses to consider the ethical and moral consequences of their decisions. Our churches are filled with God called men and women who have undergone academic preparation to lead our churches, associations and Convention. Where would we be without those graduates?

This success story has been made possible as a result of the faithfulness of North Carolina Baptists who support the Baptist State Convention through their gifts to the Cooperative Missions Budget.

Our five Baptist campuses take pride in their association with our Convention. Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate are institutions of Christian distinction. Each considers their Baptist witness to be a hallmark of their institutional mission.

Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate welcome the challenge to prepare the next generation of leaders to serve our state and our Lord. A large majority of the students on each campus identify themselves as Baptist. Among those who are Baptist, some are receiving special financial support as a result of your faithfulness to our Convention's mission.

Last year six hundred eighty-seven (687) North Carolina Baptists received special scholarship aid made possible by your gifts to the Convention. This group represents five hundred four (504) different churches and seventy-three (73) different associations.

Churches that give through Optional Giving Plans B & C are helping another special group of North Carolina Baptists. Both giving plans make it possible for the Council to release theological grants to North Carolina Baptists who have heard God's Call and who are engaged in the pursuit of their first professional theological degree. Last year, 320 recipients received this special assistance. As one student told the Council office, "That grant was a major life-saver for me." His comments reflect other students' sentiments, as well.

What does the future hold?

No one knows for sure; but we know that our North Carolina Baptist colleges/universities will continue to receive your students and provide opportunities for them to grow intellectually and spiritually. We can be assured that when they graduate from our campuses, they will carry on with the tradition of those who preceded them through their service to our state and Convention.

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BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
OF NORTH CAROLINA
ANNUAL MISSIONS REPORT - 2003

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina provides on-going leadership development and direct mission ministries through its General Board programs of work, primarily conducted by staff located at the Baptist Building in Cary.

The majority of the General Board-supported ministries are in the Mission Growth Evangelism and Congregational Services groups. In addition, many of the direct mission projects (partnership missions, etc.) are administered through the two convention auxiliaries-Baptist Men and Woman's Missionary Union. Many of these mission and ministries are conducted cooperatively with the various associations across the state.

Partnership mission projects (with the approximate number of volunteers) for 2003 include Honduras (700 volunteers), Alaska (1,000 volunteers) and Southeast Asia (75 volunteers). To date, almost 1,300 volunteers have served with the Baptist Men's Medical/ Dental Bus in 42 associations across the state. In addition, 1,400 people were trained for disaster relief ministries.

The annual Baptist Men's Convention registered approximately 2,000 participants with 880 boys attending the Royal Ambassador Congress. The Co-ed Student Missions conference registered 45 participants with 500 people scheduled to attend the Camporee Project.

The estimated number of participants in Deep Impact and World Changers include Deep Impact Honduras (130), Deep Impact Spring Weekend at Caswell (300), Deep Impact Charlotte set for November (300) and Mission Connect (1,050).

Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina provided training for over 2,000 people at the two weekend Missions Extravaganza meetings at Ridgecrest this year. During two weekend meetings, $13,454 was received to help with the Project HELP: Restorative Justice program.

WMU-sponsored events in 2003, and number of participants, include Baptist Nursing Fellowship (190), Girls in Action Days (645), Children in Action Days (175), Camp Mundo Vista summer program (1,069), GA Mother/Daughter Camp (354) and Young Women on Mission Retreat (225). . .

Other WMU-related ministries for the year included training 566 ladies in associational leadership meeting, providing a woman's prison retreat at Camp Mundo Vista for 60 inmates, send 2,300 Red Christmas Boxes, 134 gifts to missionaries and conducting a ministers' wives retreat.

Christian Women's Job Corp (CWJC), a national WMU program designed to help women who need to enter the job market, includes 16 sites across the state, involving more than 95 volunteers. Since 1999, CWJC has served approximately 100 participants per year.

Student mission projects for 2003, and number of participants, include Youth Corp (21), BSU-funded (24), Wilmington Area Resort Ministries (4), Resort Area Ministry, Boone (2), Raleigh Area Ministry (2), Caraway (23), Mundo Vista (43), Praise and Worship Team (15) and Language Ministry with migrants (1).

International Student Ministry projects involve a fall conference at Ridgecrest (90 students) and a spring conference at Caswell (300 students). The BSC annual convention at Ridgecrest registered almost 400 students with 220 students attending the spring student leadership conference at Caraway.

Baptist State Convention congregational leadership projects are held across the state throughout the year, including the ETC (Equipping Today's Church) meetings at Ridgecrest and Caswell), Children's Bible Drills and Youth Speakers' Tournaments, youth weeks at Caswell, and program-related training events on a statewide, regional and associational levels.

In addition, the Baptist State Convention includes three social service agencies (Baptist Children's Homes, Baptist Retirement Homes and Baptist Hospital) and five college and universities (Chowan, Campbell, Wingate, Gardner-Webb and Mars Hill). The convention also supports two agencies--the *Biblical Recorder* and *Baptist Foundation*.

REPORT FROM THE NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD, SBC (NAMB) --2003 ANNUAL REPORT--

God is working through and among Southern Baptists, and the North American Mission Board (NAMB) is a key part of the team reaching North America for Chirst. In partnership with state conventions, associations and local churches, we are commissioning more missionarics, putting more money on the mission field, and starting challenging, new ministries. In 2002, gifts to the Annie Armstorng Easter Offering and the Cooperative Program helped NAMB efforts in church planting, evangelism, strategic cities, disaster relief, Canada, and much more. Following are a few highlights of what those offerings, 5,204 missionaries, 2,400 chaplains and 400,000 mission volunteers accomplished.

Reaching People for Christ

- An estimated 2,500 schools have student-led Christian clubs who are using the FiSH! strategy. More than 8,500 commitments to Christ are made each year as a result of these FiSH! clubs.
- 176 new chaplains received received SBC endorsement through NAMB. The total chaplain count is 2, 416, and more than 13,800 people came to Christ through their faithful sharing of the gospel in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare.
- Church and community ministry missionaries recorded 29,594 professions of faith. Literacy mission efforts resulted in 14 new churches and more than 820 professions of faith. More than 280 refugees were resettled. Hunger ministries fed 3.7 million people, with more than 17,000 professions of faith recorded.
- The Evangelism Response Center makes it possible for specially trained Southern Baptist volunteers to accept calls in their homes from people responding to evangelistic advertising about a personal relationship with Jesus. Information is forwarded to local SBC churches. There were 29,666 calls received and 460 people made salvation decisions during the calls, while 13,877 referrals were made to SBC churches.

Starting New Churches

- Southern Baptists established 1,451 new congregations, and added 164 new SBC affiliated churches for a total of 1,615 new SBC churches.
- The Nehemiah Project, which has established seven church planting centers on Southern Baptist seminary campuses, trained and helped place over 160 students in short and long term church planting ministries. Seventy-nine students went out as lead church planters in 2002.
- Canadian leadership set a prayer goal of establishing 1,000 healthy, reproducing churches by 2020. Partnerships were established with several SBC mega-churches to plant flagship churches in Canada.

Mobilizing Christians

- NAMB's missionary count reached 5,204. Of this number, 3,280 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 1.924 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries with two or more years of service.
- An estimated 416,000 Southern Baptist participated in short-term projects.
- More than 15,000 disaster relief volunteers from 35 state conventions responded to 65 disasters, prepared 1.25 million meals, and repaired 1,000 homes.
- World Changers summer mission opportunities saw more than 23,500 participants in 88 projects. More than 13,600 presentations of the gospel were made, a 17% increase over the previous year. More than 14,000 gospel presentations were made, and 1,345 professions of faith were recorded. Participants gave $230,000 to missions.
- There were 1,457 high school and college students who answered God's call as summer, sojourner, or semester missionaries. Semester missionaries served in 37 of 42 state and Canadian conventions. They presented the gospel almost 4,000 times and recorded 325 professions of faith.

Reaching the Cities

- Strategic Focus Cities emphasis in Seattle and Philadelphia resulted in a combined total of more than 13,000 professions of faith and 78 new SBC churches. Nearly 9,000 mission volunteers served in the two cities. Planning for similar efforts in Miami and New York City were also initiated.

2003 INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD REPORT

Iraq workers 'thrilled, thankful' for food boxes

Richmond, Va. (BP) -- Southern Baptist workers in Iraq are excited about the expected late-August arrival of 46,000 boxes of food packed by Southern Baptist churches this past spring for hungry families in Iraq.

The workers said they are grateful Southern Baptists cared enough to send a practical demonstration of God's love to Iraqis who are struggling to put their country back together.

"I'm thrilled because I know how much the Iraqi people have suffered", said Gerald.* "And I also know what their perceptions of Americans are, and of Christians.

"To have something tangible that we can present to a Muslim family, just to say, 'We love you, God loves you and we want you to have this as a demonstration of that love,' is very significant."

In April, churches all over the United States began filling 70 pound boxes with rice, flour, beans, and other food staples. Each box will feed a family of five for about one month. In June, the boxes arrived at ports in Norfolk, Va., and Houston, Texas, where they were loaded into containers to be shipped overseas.

Now the boxes have left The Netherlands and are expected to arrive in the Middle East in late August to be transported overland into Iraq. Southern Baptist volunteers and "Great Commission" co-workers will place the food boxes directly into the hands of Iraqi families in September and October.

Collecting 2.4 million pounds of food was a generous demonstration of compassion, said another worker in Iraq.

"I am very pleased and thankful for the response of Southern Baptists to the crisis in Iraq," said Donald.* "It makes me proud to be Southern Baptist and for the heritage we have [that is] continuing on in this great and wonderful opportunity.

"The need for prayer is greater than ever now, as we put something tangible in Iraqi families' hands and in their homes," he added. "We now need the Lord's presence so that the message of the gospel can go forth -- from generosity on that side of the ocean to the hospitality and reception of these Iraqi families -- that they would receive these boxes and receive the message of Christ as well."

The workers in Iraq ask Southern Baptists to pray with them about several needs:

- the safety of the food boxes as they transit stormy seas
- that the boxes will get into the right hands in Iraq
- for a proper attitude in delivering the food and receptive hearts to receive it
- for the volunteers who will help distribute the boxes
- that the gesture would result in a network of relationships that will further God's kingdom
- for Jordanian Baptists who are using vacation time and personal money to reach out to Iraqis
- for all believers who are and will be serving in dangerous places.

By Mark Kelly

In Memorial

Deceased Listing for Bladen Association

ABBOTTSBURG
Mr. Garland Bowen
Mr. Glenn Singletary, Sr.

BEARDS CHAPEL
Mrs. Mae Norris Smith

BETHEL
Mrs. Mary Lou Carroll
Mrs. Elsie King
Ms. Lannie McKee
Mrs. Leatrice Roberts Meshaw

BLADENBORO, FIRST
Mrs. Lola Britt
Mr. Marvin Chance
Mr. Gray Freeman
Mrs. Dorothy Lennon
Mrs. Margaret Stone

BRIAR BRANCH
Ms. Betty Davis

BUTTERS
Mrs. Doris Howard
Mr. Dale Parnell
Mrs. Helen Pittman
Mr. Furnie Rising
Mrs. Katie Sykes

CENTER ROAD
Mrs. Cuba Kinlaw
Mr. Matthew Pait
Mrs. Phene Pait

COUNCIL
MR. N. R. McDuffie, Deacon
Mrs. Doris McDuffie
Mrs. Mary Raynor

CYPRESS CREEK MISSIONARY
Mrs. Jessie R. Smith

DUBLIN, FIRST
Mr. Hilton Britt
Mrs. Olive Hester
Mr. Ernest Pait
Mr. A. Whitted Taylor

ELIZABETHTOWN
Mr. John Baird
Mrs. Faye Elmore
Mrs. Thelma Harrelson
Mrs. Betty Kinlaw
Mr. Fulton McSwain
Mr. Tom Roberts
Mrs. Josie Williams

FAITH
Mrs. Frances Dew

FRIENDSHIP
Mr. Roscoe Barnes
Mrs. Lois Smith

GALEED
Mrs. Retha Bullard
Mr. Gary N. Frink
Mrs. Melba L. Parnell

GRACE
Rev. Orborne Gibson

HICKORY GROVE
Miss Geneva Allen
Mrs. Mary E. Davis
Mrs. Margaret Hester

LISBON
Mr. Arglus Clark

LOVE GROVE
Miss Marie Monroe
Mrs. Lucy M. Monroe

NEW CENTER
Mrs. Elsie Butler

NORTHSIDE
Mrs. Alene Council
Mrs. Fodie Hester
Mrs. Eva Mae Lennon
Mr. Leo Thompson

RIVERSIDE
Mr. Madison Lewis

SUGGS GROVE
Mr. Ernest Carter
Mr. David Yarborough

TAR HEEL
Mrs. Margaret Grimes
Mrs. Lena Mae Martin
Mrs. Geneva McKeithan

WEST BLADENBORO
Mrs. Billie Faye Bridgers
Mrs. Clara Lewis Bryant
Mr. Waylon Ivey, Deacon
Mrs. Ruby Merritt Pait
Mr. Bleese Polston
Mrs. Emma Dale Simmons

WHITE LAKE
Mr. Frank Chadwick
Mr. Fred Watkins

WHITE OAK
Mr. Bill Brafford
Ms. Nellie R. Bryan
Mrs. Ruth C. Burney
Mr. J.W. Mullis
Mr. Talmadge Naylor

WHITES CREEK
Mrs. Barbara Gurganius

ZION HILL
Mrs. Onnie Brisson
Mr. Sanford Cain, Deacon
Mr. Benny Davis
Mrs. Ethel Hales
Mrs. Ruby Henry
Mr. Hubert Hester
Mrs. Mazelle Smith
Mr. Lonnie Gainey
Mr. Quince Cain

Bladen Baptist Association *Treasurer - David Clark*

GIFTS FOR BUDGET
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2003

	YEAR-TO-DATE
ABBOTTSBURG	2,679.95
BEARD'S CHAPEL	600.00
BETHEL	2,700.00
BLADENBORO, FIRST	8,000.00
BRIAR BRANCH	600.00
BUTTERS	2,000.00
CENTER ROAD	5,595.76
CHRIST COMMUNITY	975.00
CLARKTON, FIRST	4,588.74
COUNCIL	1,200.00
CYPRESS CREEK	1,877.38
DUBLIN, FIRST	5,363.00
ELIZABETHTOWN	8,400.00
FAITH	714.00
FRIENDSHIP	1,309.96
GALEED	7,500.00
GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION	360.27
GRACE	0.00
HICKORY GROVE	1,812.50
LISBON	1,281.73
LOVE GROVE	0.00
NEW CENTER	1,200.00
NORTHSIDE	2,587.92
PEACE	0.00
RICHARDSON	0.00
RIVERSIDE	1,000.00
SANDY GROVE	3,600.00
SHADY GROVE	3,962.50
SUGGS GROVE	2,100.00
TAR HEEL	7,731.67
WEST BLADENBORO	2,000.00
WHITE LAKE	3,367.10
WHITE OAK	1,800.00
WHITES CREEK	715.89
ZION HILL	4,000.00
TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS	**91,623.37**
WMU THRIFT SHOP	5,000.00
WHITE LAKE PRISON	0.00
STATE CONVENTION	1,560.00
REIMBURSE COPIES	0.00
NC SALES TAX REFUND	329.22
SEMINARY EXTENSION	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	463.68
ANNUALS	0.00
DISASTER RECOVERY	0.00
BASKETBALL LEAGUE	0.00
NEW BEGINNINGS	540.00
ROMANS ROAD	1,162.00
	100,678.27

BUDGET GIFTS TO DATE	100,678.27
BUDGET NEED TO DATE	101,345.66
AHEAD OF BUDGET GOAL	- 667.39

Bladen Baptist Association *Treasurer - David Clark*

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR
YEAR ENDING 2003

BUDGET ITEM		AMOUNT	YR-DATE	ITEM BAL
100	**EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MINISTRIES**			
101	Sunday School	1,000.00	925.33	74.67
102	Discipleship Trng.	600.00	464.20	135.80
103	Brotherhood	1,000.00	745.74	254.26
104	W.M.U.	1,200.00	835.11	364.89
105	Missions Development	300.00	44.88	255.12
106	Music	300.00	0.00	300.00
107	Evangelism	1,500.00	580.02	919.98
108	Pastoral Care	500.00	181.90	318.10
109	Audio Visuals	400.00	0.00	400.00
110	Associational Admin.	300.00	290.40	9.60
111	Seminary Extension	300.00	0.00	300.00
112	Special Training	350.00	343.17	6.83
113	Local Missions	600.00	599.90	0.10
114	Youth Ministry	800.00	269.43	530.57
115	Disaster Recovery	5,000.00	992.99	4,007.01
200	**ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES**			
201	Postage	1,500.00	1,304.89	195.11
202	Office Supplies	3,000.00	2,158.73	841.27
203	Office Equipment & Maint.	1,900.00	807.71	1,092.29
204	Utilities	3,500.00	3,552.94	-52.94
205	Bldg. & Grounds	2,000.00	1,099.49	900.51
206	Insurance/Buildings	2,125.00	1,823.00	302.00
207	Books & Literature	300.00	56.50	243.50
208	DOM Ser. Car/Travel	4,000.00	3,967.92	32.08
209	Convention & Assemb.	500.00	425.84	74.16
210	Annuity (Retirement)	3,276.00	3,276.00	0.00
211	F.I.C.A. (DOM)	5,200.75	5,200.75	0.00
212	F.I.C.A. (Secretary)	1,194.44	1,194.40	0.04
213	Housing & Util. DOM	10,500.00	10,500.00	0.00
214	DOM Medical Spending	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
215	Annuals	500.00	500.00	0.00
216	DOM-Books/Education	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
217	DOM-Health/Disab. Ins	4,545.12	4,545.12	0.00
300	**SALARIES**			
301	DOM Salary	22,265.73	22,265.73	0.00
302	Secretary Salary	15,613.62	15,613.62	0.00
303	Clerk	1,075.00	1,075.00	0.00
400	**MISCELLANEOUS**			
401	Emergency	250.00	100.00	150.00
402	Dom/Sec. Christmas	750.00	750.00	0.00
403	Contingency	200.00	200.00	0.00
TOTALS		**101,345.66**	**89,690.71**	**11,654.95**

YEAR ACCOUNT SUMMARY

ACCOUNT	BAL	RECEIPTS	TOTAL CSH	EXPENSES	END BAL
Budget	102,467.32	100,678.27	203,145.59	89,690.71	113,454.88
Contingency Fund	1,605.52	0.00	1,605.52	0.00	1,605.52
Federal Taxes	0.00	960.00	960.00	960.00	0.00
F.I.C.A.	0.00	1,194.48	1,194.48	1,194.48	0.00
State Taxes	0.00	1,099.20	1,099.20	1,099.20	0.00
Hurricane Floyd	3,726.18	0.00	3,726.18	3,726.18	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	10.00	10.00	0.00	10.00
Annuals (2003)	804.23	1,046.00	1,850.23	803.26	1,046.97
"Jesus" Videos	40.00	4,879.31	4,919.31	0.00	4,919.31
Assoc. Basketball	233.39	7,302.08	7,535.47	7,252.03	283.44
Disaster Rec/Tools	775.75	0.00	775.75	0.00	775.75
Alaska	1,823.56	6,699.01	8,522.57	8,190.14	332.43
Leisure Ministry	699.92	1,000.00	1,699.92	1,699.92	0.00
Malaysia/China	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Handyman Ministries	6,700.22	5,000.00	11,700.22	2,821.37	8,878.85
New Beginnings	0.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
Hispanic Bible Proj	402.00	0.00	402.00	0.00	402.00
Medical/Dental Van	421.34	0.00	421.34	421.34	0.00
Bible - W. Bladen	0.00	3,307.00	3,307.00	3,307.00	0.00
World Changers	0.00	1,713.30	1,713.30	100.49	1,612.81
Refunds/Utilities	0.00	524.60	524.60	524.60	0.00
TOTALS	**119,899.43**	**143,413.25**	**263,312.68**	**129,990.72**	**133,321.96**

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR
YEAR ENDING 2003

CHURCHES	YEAR'S RECEIPTS
ABBOTTSBURG	2,799.95
BEARD'S CHAPEL	636.00
BETHEL	3,042.00
BLADENBORO, FIRST	8,360.00
BRIAR BRANCH	600.00
BUTTERS	2,000.00
CENTER ROAD	6,225.76
CHRIST COMMUNITY	975.00
CLARKTON, FIRST	4,668.74
COUNCIL	1,212.00
CYPRESS CREEK	2,095.38
DUBLIN, FIRST	6,149.00
ELIZABETHTOWN	10,893.61
FAITH	714.00
FRIENDSHIP	1,309.96
GALEED	8,448.00
GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION	360.27
GRACE	600.00
HICKORY GROVE	2,232.50
LISBON	2,431.73
LOVE GROVE	12.00
NEW CENTER	1,200.00
NORTHSIDE	2,947.92
PEACE	0.00
RICHARDSON	50.00
RIVERSIDE	1,000.00
SANDY GROVE	4,130.00
SHADY GROVE	4,052.00
SUGGS GROVE	2,118.00
TAR HEEL	8,051.67
WEST BLADENBORO	2,000.00
WHITE LAKE	3,737.10
WHITE OAK	2,381.00
WHITES CREEK	2,365.89
ZION HILL	5,160.00
TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS	**104,959.98**
WMU THRIFT SHOP	5,000.00
WHITE LAKE PRISON	0.00
STATE CONVENTION	1,560.00
REIMBURSE COPIES	0.00
NC SALES TAX REFUND	329.22
SEMINARY EXTENSION	0.00
MISCELLANEOUS	22,126.29
ANNUALS	0.00
DISASTER RECOVERY	0.00
BASKETBALL LEAGUE	1,482.08
NEW BEGINNINGS	3,540.00
ROMANS ROAD	1,162.00
TOTAL INCOME	**140,159.57**

BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION BUDGET

		2003 BUDGET	2004 BUDGET
100	**EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES**		
101	Sunday School	$ 1,000.00	$ 1,000.00
102	Discipleship Training	600.00	600.00
103	Brotherhood	1,000.00	1,000.00
104	W.M.U.	1,200.00	1,200.00
105	Missions Development	300.00	300.00
106	Music	300.00	300.00
107	Evangelism	1,500.00	1,500.00
108	Pastoral Care	500.00	500.00
109	Audio Visual (Media)	400.00	400.00
110	Association Administration	300.00	300.00
111	Seminary Extension	300.00	300.00
112	Special Training	350.00	350.00
113	Local Missions	600.00	600.00
114	Youth Ministry	800.00	800.00
115	Disaster Recovery	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL		**$ 14,150.00**	**$ 14,150.00**
200	**ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES**		
201	Postage	1,500.00	1,500.00
202	Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00
203	Office Equipment & Maint.	1,900.00	1,900.00
204	Utilities	3,500.00	3,500.00
205	Bldg. & Grounds Maint.	2,000.00	2,000.00
206	Insurance	2,125.00	2,125.00
207	Books & Literature	300.00	300.00
208	Services Ministries, Car, Travel	4,000.00	4,000.00
209	Convention & Assemblies	500.00	500.00
210	Annuity (Retirement) DOM	3,276.00	3,276.00
211	SS DOM (Reimbursement)	5.200.75	5,200.75
212	Social Security - Secretary	1,194.44	1,194.44
213	Housing & Utilities (DOM)	10,500.00	12,500.00
214	Medical Spend. Fund (DOM)	1,000.00	1,000.00
215	Annuals	500.00	500.00
216	DOM-Books-Education	2,000.00	0.00
217	DOM-Health-Disability Ins.	4,545.12	4,545.12
TOTAL		**$ 47,041.31**	**$ 47,041.31**
300	**SALARIES**		
301	Director of Missions	22,265.73	22,265.73
302	Secretary	15,613.62	15,613.62
303	Clerk	1,075.00	1,075.00
TOTAL		**$ 38,954.35**	**$ 38,954.35**
400	**MISCELLANEOUS**		
401	Emergency	250.00	250.00
402	DOM/Sec. Christmas Gift	750.00	750.00
403	Contingency	200.00	200.00
TOTAL		**$ 1,200.00**	**$ 1,200.00**
GRAND TOTAL		**$ 101,345.66**	**$ 101,345.66**

HISTORICAL TABLE-BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Associations met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The Churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Browns Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at the meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon, and organized the Bladen County Baptist Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session. We will be featuring the last (10) Sessions.

Session	Year	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
1.	1892	Mt. Pleasant	William Brunt	H.B. Register	W.S. Melvin
100.	1991	Lisbon Elizabethtown	Charles Little	Myrtle Lockamy	Paul Forrester Carroll Fonvielle
101.	1992	Zion Hill Cypress Creek	Jerry Beck	Myrtle Lockamy	Earl Farthing Michael Thompson
102.	1993	Sandy Grove White Oak	Jerry Beck	Marjorie Smith	Dwight Cooper Jerry Beck
103.	1994	Suggs Grove Northside	Jerry Beck	Marjorie Smith	David Rutland Sidney Britt
104.	1995	Tar Heel Dublin	David Rutland	Virginia Gause	Sidney Britt James Brooks
105.	1996	Hickory Grove Cypress Creek	David Rutland	Virginia Gause	James Brooks Clyde Coates
106.	1997	Center Road Friendship	Michael Thompson	Virginia Gause	Bruce Cannon Robert Boone
107.	1998	Galeed Clarkton, First	Michael Thompson	Virginia Gause	Oren Honeycutt Dewey Jackson
108.	1999	Zion Hill White Lake	Darryll Hester	Virginia Gause	Steve Butler Richard Smith
109.	2000	Bladenboro, First Elizabethtown	Darryll Hester	Virginia Gause	Dewey Jackson Orborn Gibson
110.	2001	Bethel Sandy Grove	Gene Brisson	Virginia Gause	Jerry Beck Don Coley
111.	2002	Cypress Creek Love Grove	Gene Brisson	Virginia Gause	Richard Smith Randy Andrews
112.	2003	Butters Shady Grove	Richard Smith	Virginia Gause	Randy Andrews Warren Hill

Congregation and Member Info

Bladen Association

Legend 1 -- Total Membership 2 -- Resident Membership 4 -- Other Additions 5 - New Member Training 6 -- Year Organized 7 -- Year Pastor Came 8-- Location (A-J) 9 -- AM Warship Att. 10 -- Church-Type Misians Started 11 -- Church-Type Missions Operating 12 -- Lost/Unchurched 13 -- Assoc. Mis an % Basis 14 -- Intercessory Prayer Race -- Racial Ethnic Group

CONGREGATION	C/M	1	2	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Abbottsburg Bapt Ch	C	159	90	0	0	1870	1996	A	45	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Beards Chapel	C	106	65	1	0	1888	2000	A	38	0	0	N	N	Y	1
Bethel	C	350	230	0	0	1881	1988	A	112	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Bladenboro First Bap	C	311	272	14	4	1911	2003	C	170	0	0	N	N	Y	1
Briar Branch	C	131	85	7	0	1845	2003	A	46	0	0	Y	N	N	1
Butters	C	188	188	2	0	1932	1999	A	65	0	0	N	Y	N	1
Center Road	C	395	329	2	0	1885	1994	A	150	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Christ Community	C	45	39	1	0	1987	1987	A	41	0	1	Y	Y	Y	1
Council	C	85	36	1	0	1912	2003	A	25	0	0	N	N	N	1
Cypress Creek Missionary	C	75	66	0	0	1853	1995	A	35	0	0	N	Y	Y	1
Dublin First	C	407	407	53	0	1950	2000	C	137	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Elizabethtown	C	550	402	7	0	1903	1996	D	250	0	0	N	Y	Y	1
Faith	C	76	48	3	0	1978	2003	A	25	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
First Baptist Church, Clarkton	C	325	190	3	0	1884	1989	C	78	0	0	N	Y	Y	1
Friendship	C	133	101	0	0	1976	1999	A	50	0	0	N	Y	N	1
Galeed Bapt Ch	C	619	457	13	0	1876	2000	A	257	0	0	Y	N	Y	1
Good Shepherd Hispanic	M	43	43	0	0	1995	1996	C	88	0	0	Y	Y	Y	3
Grace	C	85	85	0	0	1957	1957	A	75	0	4	Y	N	N	1
Hickory Grove	C	302	277	4	0	1834	N/A	A	100	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Lisbon	C	162	99	2	0	1870	2001	B	90	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Love Grove	C	157	125	4	0	1872	1999	B	75	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
New Beginnings Fellowship	C														1
New Center	C	149	107	4	0	1947	1986	A	55	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Northside	C	254	254	4	0	1954	2003	C	125	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Peace Bapt	C	15	11	0	0	1989	1991	D	8	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Richardson	C	66	39	1	0	1914	1999	A	20	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Riverside	C	201	146	1	0	1924	1996	A	65	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Sandy Grove Bapt Ch	C	277	190	0	0	1873	1999	A	62	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Shady Grove	C	220	204	11	0	1885	2003	A	67	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Suggs Grove Bapt Ch	C	175	122	2	0	1832	1980	A	37	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Tar Heel Bapt Ch	C	315	213	11	0	1872	2002	A	135	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
West, Bladenboro	C	234	99	1	0	1917	2003	C	35	0	0	Y	N	Y	1
White Lake	C	245	105	0	5	1832	1989	A	65	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
White Oak	C	209	99	3	0	1859	1998	A	67	0	0	Y	N	Y	1
White's Creek Baptist Church	C	255	105	0	0	1914	2003	A	55	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Zion Hill	C	185	125	5	0	1885	0	A	65	0	0	Y	Y	Y	1
Total:		**7,504**	**5,453**	**160**	**9**				**2,813**	**0**	**5**				

Baptism Info

Bladen Association

Legend 3 -- Baptisms Total 3a -- Baptisms 0-5 3b -- Baptisms 6-8 3c -- Baptisms 9-11 3d -- Baptisms 12-17 3e -- Baptisms 18-29 3f -- Baptisms 30-59 3g -- Baptisms

CONGREGATION	C/M	3	3a	3b	3c	3d	3e	3f	3g
Abbottsburg Bapt Ch	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beards Chapel	C	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Bethel	C	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Bladenboro First Bap	C	5	0	2	2	0	1	0	0
Briar Branch	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butters	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Center Road	C	5	0	1	2	1	0	1	0
Christ Community	C	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Council	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cypress Creek Missionary	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin First	C	18	0	1	2	4	4	4	3
Elizabethtown	C	5	0	0	0	4	0	1	0
Faith	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
First Baptist Church, Clarkton	C	4	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Friendship	C	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Galeed Bapt Ch	C	9	0	6	1	1	1	0	0
Good Shepherd Hispanic	M	13	0	0	0	0	11	2	0
Grace	C	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Hickory Grove	C	5	0	3	0	0	1	1	0
Lisbon	C	5	0	0	2	0	1	2	0
Love Grove	C	8	0	0	0	2	1	5	0
New Beginnings Fellowship	C								
New Center	C	5	0	1	0	1	3	0	0
Northside	C	8	0	2	2	2	1	1	0
Peace Bapt	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson	C	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Riverside	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandy Grove Bapt Ch	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shady Grove	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suggs Grove Bapt Ch	C	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Tar Heel Bapt Ch	C	13	0	0	4	4	1	4	0
West, Bladenboro	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Lake	C	5	0	0	5	0	0	0	0
White Oak	C	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
White's Creek Baptist Church	C	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Zion Hill	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total:		**128**	**1**	**19**	**23**	**21**	**30**	**29**	**5**

Sunday School Info - Enrollment

Bladen Association

Legend: 15 -- Total SS Enrollment 15a -- SS 0-5 15b -- SS 6-11 15c -- SS 12-17 15d -- SS 18-24 15e -- SS 25-34 15f -- SS 35-54 15g -- SS 55 up 15h -- SS General Officers 15i -- Other Bible Study 16 -- SS Avg Weekly Attendance 17 -- Non-Cong Members 18 -- Vacation Bible School

CONGREGATION	C/M	15	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	15f	15g	15h	15i	16	17	18
Abbottsburg Bapt Ch	C	57	2	1	5	3	0	10	13	4	0	40	0	61
Beards Chapel	C	64	4	7	8	4	8	11	10	3	0	32	0	48
Bethel	C	125	17	14	14	7	7	12	15	4	0	95	0	129
Bladenboro First Bap	C	249	37	16	25	4	21	22	64	5	15	160	50	85
Briar Branch	C	67	3	10	6	5	3	15	12	5	0	30	0	84
Butters	C	104	7	9	9	17	17	20	12	0	0	71	25	84
Center Road	C	181	22	33	18	0	38	41	8	7	0	108	0	144
Christ Community	C	34	3	3	2	1	3	7	11	1	0	18	2	24
Council	C	19	1	4	2	1	0	6	0	1	0	12	6	0
Cypress Creek Missionary	C	44	7	2	3	0	2	7	12	2	0	30	6	42
Dublin First	C	291	42	11	37	14	46	33	48	2	0	151	0	239
Elizabethtown	C	310	30	37	55	0	10	52	33	12	0	150	40	185
Faith	C	31	4	4	1	3	7	2	6	1	0	17	2	25
First Baptist Church, Clarkton	C	143	13	8	16	11	4	22	15	4	0	79	16	103
Friendship	C	47	2	10	2	1	3	12	4	2	0	34	0	48
Galeed Bapt Ch	C	350	14	57	30	27	51	88	37	5	0	195	2	173
Good Shepherd Hispanic	M	41	15	10	3	9	0	4	0	0	0	41	0	0
Grace	C	158	16	24	22	8	5	52	15	2	0	75	25	100
Hickory Grove	C	135	11	9	13	14	19	24	19	2	0	100	0	75
Lisbon	C	50	9	3	0	5	5	3	6	3	0	40	1	63
Love Grove	C	122	8	19	15	18	20	29	8	1	0	75	0	115
New Beginnings Fellowship	C													
New Center	C	81	4	13	7	8	16	18	8	2	0	55	0	57
Northside	C	145	15	20	20	10	15	19	23	3	0	118	15	216
Peace Bapt	C	25	1	2	0	2	0	10	3	0	0	8	13	0
Richardson	C	35	2	2	4	1	1	10	8	0	0	20	2	45
Riverside	C	67	4	3	8	5	2	12	18	3	0	45	0	35
Sandy Grove Bapt Ch	C	90	10	4	6	4	16	10	10	2	0	64	0	28
Shady Grove	C	63	6	6	9	19	0	0	11	2	0	58	0	91
Suggs Grove Bapt Ch	C	90	5	7	10	2	4	14	25	4	0	47	5	0
Tar Heel Bapt Ch	C	200	20	27	28	3	15	44	31	2	0	130	24	150
West, Bladenboro	C	55	3	5	2	0	4	12	13	3	0	40	0	39
White Lake	C	46	0	2	7	3	6	15	12	0	1	40	2	71
White Oak	C	63	5	6	16	0	7	6	8	3	0	51	0	77
White's Creek Baptist Church	C	91	5	6	8	9	12	23	6	2	2	45	0	115
Zion Hill	C	68	9	8	3	2	7	5	4	1	0	54	11	81
Total:		**3,741**	**356**	**402**	**414**	**220**	**374**	**670**	**528**	**93**	**18**	**2,328**	**247**	**2,832**

Discipleship Training Info

Bladen Association

Legend 19 -- Total Ongoing Discipleship Training 19a -- Ongoing Preschool B-5 19b -- Ongoing Child 6-11 19c -- Ongoing Youth 12-17 19d -- Ongoing Adult 18-up 19e -- DT Gen Officers 20 -- Total Short-Term DT 20a -- Short-Term Preschool 20b -- Short-Term Children 20c -- Short-Term Youth 20d -- Short-Term Adults - Gen Officers DTEN (19+20) -- Total DT Enrollment/Participation

CONGREGATION	C/M	19	19a	19b	19c	19d	19e	20	20a	20b	20c	20d	DTEN
Abbottsburg Bapt Ch	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beards Chapel	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bethel	C	73	7	19	20	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	73
Bladenboro First Bap	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Briar Branch	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Butters	C	22	0	0	0	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	22
Center Road	C	68	6	21	10	27	4	0	0	0	0	0	68
Christ Community	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	0	0	12	12
Council	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cypress Creek Missionary	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin First	C	132	10	13	20	75	14	132	10	13	20	89	264
Elizabethtown	C	180	15	21	44	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	180
Faith	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
First Baptist Church, Clarkton	C	53	0	0	26	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	53
Friendship	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Galeed Bapt Ch	C	167	16	15	40	90	6	0	0	0	0	0	167
Good Shepherd Hispanic	M	6	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Grace	C	57	10	12	9	23	3	0	0	0	0	0	57
Hickory Grove	C	83	5	7	10	58	3	0	0	0	0	0	83
Lisbon	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Love Grove	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	115	18	28	16	53	115
New Beginnings Fellowship	C												
New Center	C	40	2	6	6	25	1	0	0	0	0	0	40
Northside	C	64	5	13	12	32	2	0	0	0	0	0	64
Peace Bapt	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	8	8
Richardson	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sandy Grove Bapt Ch	C	34	3	3	4	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	34
Shady Grove	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suggs Grove Bapt Ch	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tar Heel Bapt Ch	C	83	4	16	20	41	2	15	0	0	0	15	98
West, Bladenboro	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Lake	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Oak	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
White's Creek Baptist Church	C	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zion Hill	C	33	0	7	6	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	33
Total:		**1,095**	**83**	**153**	**227**	**587**	**45**	**282**	**28**	**41**	**36**	**177**	**1,377**

Music Ministry Info

Bladen Association

Legend. 21 -- Total Music Ministry Enrollment 21a -- Preschool 3-5 21b -- Children 6-11 21c -- Youth 12-17 21d -- Adult Choir 18-up 21e -- Other Music Groups

CONGREGATION	C/M	21	21a	21b	21c	21d	21e
Abbottsburg Bapt Ch	C	13	0	0	0	10	3
Beards Chapel	C	24	3	8	0	13	0
Bethel	C	44	5	4	10	25	0
Bladenboro First Bap	C	26	0	0	0	26	0
Briar Branch	C	24	2	8	0	14	0
Butters	C	18	6	0	0	12	0
Center Road	C	54	0	18	16	20	0
Christ Community	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
Council	C	15	0	0	1	14	0
Cypress Creek Missionary	C	10	0	0	0	10	0
Dublin First	C	160	35	40	26	45	14
Elizabethtown	C	166	15	20	27	104	0
Faith	C	25	6	3	1	10	5
First Baptist Church, Clarkton	C	42	7	5	0	20	10
Friendship	C	35	1	7	5	15	7
Galeed Bapt Ch	C	140	12	23	26	53	26
Good Shepherd Hispanic	M	10	0	1	1	8	0
Grace	C	14	0	0	0	14	0
Hickory Grove	C	63	8	8	14	30	3
Lisbon	C	22	5	3	0	14	0
Love Grove	C	45	0	0	0	20	25
New Beginnings Fellowship	C						
New Center	C	40	2	6	8	24	0
Northside	C	64	12	10	14	28	0
Peace Bapt	C	11	0	0	1	10	0
Richardson	C	18	0	0	1	11	6
Riverside	C	38	1	4	6	12	15
Sandy Grove Bapt Ch	C	25	4	0	0	21	0
Shady Grove	C	40	6	6	14	14	0
Suggs Grove Bapt Ch	C	18	0	1	1	16	0
Tar Heel Bapt Ch	C	73	3	17	17	36	0
West, Bladenboro	C	10	0	0	0	10	0
White Lake	C	0	0	0	0	0	0
White Oak	C	28	4	5	5	14	0
White's Creek Baptist Church	C	26	0	0	3	23	0
Zion Hill	C	22	0	5	0	17	0
Total:		**1,363**	**137**	**202**	**197**	**713**	**114**

Missions Involvement

Bladen Association

Legend 22 -- Miss. Project Participation 22a -- Local Community 22b -- State 22c -- US/Canada 22d -- International

CONGREGATION	C/M	22	22a	22b	22c	22d
Abbottsburg Bapt Ch	C	4	4	0	0	0
Beards Chapel	C	0	0	0	0	0
Bethel	C	20	17	1	1	1
Bladenboro First Bap	C	760	250	250	0	260
Briar Branch	C	0	0	0	0	0
Butters	C	0	0	0	0	0
Center Road	C	40	20	15	5	0
Christ Community	C	0	0	0	0	0
Council	C	0	0	0	0	0
Cypress Creek Missionary	C	0	0	0	0	0
Dublin First	C	370	150	100	50	70
Elizabethtown	C	30	30	0	0	0
Faith	C	1	0	1	0	0
First Baptist Church, Clarkton	C	176	58	100	6	12
Friendship	C	30	15	15	0	0
Galeed Bapt Ch	C	381	297	17	67	0
Good Shepherd Hispanic	M	11	10	0	0	1
Grace	C	0	0	0	0	0
Hickory Grove	C	3	1	1	0	1
Lisbon	C	2	0	2	0	0
Love Grove	C	74	74	0	0	0
New Beginnings Fellowship	C					
New Center	C	14	14	0	0	0
Northside	C	0	0	0	0	0
Peace Bapt	C	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson	C	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside	C	0	0	0	0	0
Sandy Grove Bapt Ch	C	30	27	3	0	0
Shady Grove	C	50	50	0	0	0
Suggs Grove Bapt Ch	C	22	12	8	0	2
Tar Heel Bapt Ch	C	67	14	29	23	1
West, Bladenboro	C	0	0	0	0	0
White Lake	C	5	0	0	0	5
White Oak	C	12	10	0	2	0
White's Creek Baptist Church	C	0	0	0	0	0
Zion Hill	C	15	15	0	0	0
Total:		**2,117**	**1,068**	**542**	**154**	**353**

Financial - Missions

Bladen Association

Legend 29 -- Cooperative Programs 30 -- Assoc. Missions 31 -- State Missions 32 -- Annie Armstrong 33 -- Lottie Moon
34-- Other SBC Miss. Exp 35 -- Non-SBC Miss Exp TME -- Total Mission Expenditures (29-35)

CONGREGATION	C/M	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	TME
Abbottsburg Bapt Ch	C	$5,360	$2,680	$45	$150	$300	$0	$0	$8,535
Beards Chapel	C	$1,040	$600	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$1,640
Bethel	C	$2,000	$2,700	$918	$1,460	$1,785	$0	$0	$8,863
Bladenboro First Bap	C	$33,590	$7,875	$1,543	$3,059	$5,418	$46,400	$1,200	$99,086
Briar Branch	C	$50	$600	$225	$0	$0	$163	$0	$1,038
Butters	C	$0	$2,000	$2,000	$1,161	$1,564	$0	$0	$6,725
Center Road	C	$36,732	$5,101	$0	$3,850	$6,296	$2,404	$8,399	$62,782
Christ Community	C	$0	$900	$0	$0	$158	$0	$3,250	$4,308
Council	C	$300	$1,200	$30	$500	$550	$355	$0	$2,935
Cypress Creek Missionary	C	$0	$1,847	$0	$1,385	$1,385	$0	$0	$4,617
Dublin First	C	$12,644	$5,310	$0	$1,055	$2,145	$1,766	$5,447	$28,367
Elizabethtown	C	$22,000	$8,400	$1,435	$2,444	$7,358	$0	$5,100	$46,736
Faith	C	$200	$672	$0	$0	$0	$55	$700	$1,627
First Baptist Church, Clarkton	C	$12,444	$3,920	$546	$1,848	$2,388	$510	$0	$21,656
Friendship	C	$1,056	$1,260	$0	$0	$93	$0	$600	$3,009
Galeed Bapt Ch	C	$30,000	$7,500	$5,387	$3,700	$6,805	$6,628	$18,840	$78,860
Good Shepherd Hispanic	M	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Grace	C	$230	$0	$0	$0	$70	$0	$0	$300
Hickory Grove	C	$8,500	$1,450	$3,589	$2,450	$4,950	$1,980	$1,837	$24,756
Lisbon	C	$1,526	$1,025	$700	$1,250	$1,536	$0	$1,590	$7,627
Love Grove	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$817	$0	$1,207	$2,024
New Beginnings Fellowship	C								
New Center	C	$500	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$0	$500	$5,000
Northside	C	$9,447	$2,362	$1,470	$1,650	$1,736	$0	$0	$16,665
Peace Bapt	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Richardson	C	$0	$500	$0	$0	$95	$0	$0	$595
Riverside	C	$0	$1,000	$0	$593	$729	$2,605	$1,075	$6,002
Sandy Grove Bapt Ch	C	$6,000	$3,600	$320	$6,065	$3,178	$0	$0	$19,163
Shady Grove	C	$5,500	$3,900	$400	$2,411	$2,475	$1,927	$500	$17,113
Suggs Grove Bapt Ch	C	$1,260	$2,100	$300	$861	$800	$250	$0	$5,571
Tar Heel Bapt Ch	C	$7,029	$7,029	$424	$782	$3,082	$1,002	$225	$19,573
West, Bladenboro	C	$1,000	$2,000	$500	$537	$595	$3,263	$0	$7,895
White Lake	C	$3,368	$3,368	$200	$0	$486	$0	$181	$7,603
White Oak	C	$2,000	$1,800	$283	$1,232	$996	$1,830	$194	$8,335
White's Creek Baptist Church	C	$0	$3,068	$900	$0	$686	$0	$0	$4,654
Zion Hill	C	$7,601	$4,000	$2,062	$1,965	$2,701	$0	$0	$18,329
Total:		$211,377	$90,767	$24,278	$41,408	$62,177	$71,138	$50,845	$551,989

Financial - General

Bladen Association

Legend 26 -- Undesignated Gifts 27 -- Designated Gifts 28 -- Other Receipts TRE -- Total Receipts (26+27+28) 36 -- Value Cong Property 37 -- Church Literature

CONGREGATION	C/M	26	27	28	TRE	36	37
Abbottsburg Bapt Ch	C	$53,599	$6,176	$0	$59,775	$380,000	$2,383
Beards Chapel	C	$43,402	$7,438	$0	$50,840	$200,000	$1,388
Bethel	C	$92,711	$12,048	$0	$104,759	$1,500,000	$2,750
Bladenboro First Bap	C	$255,556	$24,814	$0	$280,370	$1,300,000	$8,321
Briar Branch	C	$41,576	$0	$0	$41,576	$210,000	$2,107
Butters	C	$90,325	$160	$0	$90,485	$0	$2,477
Center Road	C	$203,770	$14,445	$2,783	$220,998	$0	$8,246
Christ Community	C	$41,863	$0	$4,800	$46,663	$200,000	$0
Council	C	$20,519	$2,935	$0	$23,454	$69,000	$826
Cypress Creek Missionary	C	$46,182	$2,404	$148	$48,734	$300,000	$1,050
Dublin First	C	$235,028	$111,059	$4,722	$350,809	$1,500,000	$6,783
Elizabethtown	C	$427,515	$91,634	$162,957	$682,106	$5,000,000	$10,000
Faith	C	$24,127	$55	$0	$24,182	$100,000	$454
First Baptist Church, Clarkton	C	$138,231	$8,064	$0	$146,295	$600,000	$3,500
Friendship	C	$60,449	$2,046	$0	$62,495	$564,000	$1,550
Galeed Bapt Ch	C	$343,912	$22,411	$0	$366,322	$1,500,000	$10,898
Good Shepherd Hispanic	M	$8,242	$0	$0	$8,242	$300,000	$0
Grace	C	$41,760	$21,260	$0	$63,020	$250,000	$3,080
Hickory Grove	C	$121,915	$9,269	$12,113	$143,297	$35,000	$8,962
Lisbon	C	$62,045	$7,627	$0	$69,672	$330,000	$3,550
Love Grove	C	$95,558	$0	$0	$95,558	$125,000	$4,356
New Beginnings Fellowship	C						
New Center	C	$41,725	$5,395	$0	$47,120	$500,000	$3,000
Northside	C	$128,374	$24,996	$0	$153,370	$250,000	$2,765
Peace Bapt	C	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0	$200
Richardson	C	$18,682	$500	$0	$19,182	$287,625	$980
Riverside	C	$2,953	$82,677	$0	$85,630	$1,083,385	$2,652
Sandy Grove Bapt Ch	C	$105,128	$11,643	$0	$116,771	$1,655,000	$500
Shady Grove	C	$108,229	$17,208	$0	$125,437	$750,000	$2,000
Suggs Grove Bapt Ch	C	$70,771	$8,904	$642	$80,317	$1,050,000	$3,676
Tar Heel Bapt Ch	C	$148,245	$22,540	$0	$170,785	$1,550,000	$4,351
West, Bladenboro	C	$65,720	$3,569	$0	$69,289	$567,900	$1,295
White Lake	C	$67,816	$4,743	$1,347	$73,907	$500,000	$1,645
White Oak	C	$86,455	$11,214	$4,087	$101,756	$850,000	$4,169
White's Creek Baptist Church	C	$54,043	$905	$0	$54,948	$820,000	$3,130
Zion Hill	C	$124,320	$5,833	$0	$130,153	$265,000	$6,680
Total:		**$3,470,747**	**$543,971**	**$193,599**	**$4,208,317**	**$24,591,910**	**$119,724**

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One Hundred-Fifteenth Annual Session

of the

Bladen Baptist Association

October 23, 2006 – October 24, 2006

Theme: Called to Greatness

Monday Evening – October 23, 2006

Dublin First Baptist Church

The One Hundred-Fifteenth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association met at Dublin First Baptist Church at 6:30 P.M.on Monday, October 23, 2006 for pre-session registration. Dinner was served to the pastors, spouses and guests at 5:45 P.M.

Prior to the opening services a musical prelude was presented by the Dublin First Baptist Church choir, led by Choir Director, Devon Varnan. Kyle Whittaker, Music Minister student at Campbell University also rendered several selections in song.

Moderator Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Call to Worship was presented in song by the Dublin Choir. Rev. Cameron McGill, Pastor of Dublin First Baptist welcomed everyone and led in prayer and inspirational thoughts. The congregation sang the hymn, "Victory in Jesus".

ORGANIZATIONS:

Enrollment of Messengers: Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk, made a motion that these and any other messengers who might register later constitute the One Hundred-Fifteenth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association. There were fifty-one (51) messengers, seventeen (17) pastors and forty-two guest (42) present, making a total of one-hundred-ten (110). The motion received a second and was approved.

Adoption of Program: The moderator also moved the adoption of the program as printed. This motion was second and was approved.

Leisure Ministry:

DOM Cannon introduced Mrs. Joyce Thomas, White Lake Baptist Church and member of the Leisure Ministry. Due to circumstances that she would be unable to give the Leisure Ministry report on Tuesday evening she gave the report at this time for Rev. Walter Hayes, Chairman of Leisure Ministry. See pages 38 & 39 Book of Reports. She also reported that this past year was the first Annual All Day Singing at Melfest, White Lake. She encouraged all churches representation in the event for the following years.

Following the report Rev. Walter Hayes presented Mrs. Thomas with a plaque for her 33 years of services and a gift card for $100.00 to Wal-Mart.

Introduction of New Ministers: DOM Cannon recognized the following pastors: Rev. & Mrs. Thomas Willoughby, Tar Heel; Rev. & Mrs. Philip Blinson, White Lake; Rev. & Mrs. Danny Lewis, White Oak. He also recognized Dr. & Mrs. Mack Roberts, Interim, Galeed.

DOM Cannon announced that representatives from the Children's Homes would be at the meeting on Tuesday.

DOM Cannon recognized Dr. Mack Roberts who spoke on behalf of Campbell University sharing information about the college. He urged everyone to pray for all five of our Baptist Colleges and their students.

Miscellaneous Business: Rev. Cameron McGill made a motion that the association and messengers give a free will offering for DOM Bruce Cannon at the business meeting on Tuesday for all that he does for the association that is beyond the call of duty. Rev. Thomas Willoughby seconded the motion and was approved with no opposition.

DOM Cannon recognized the following Churches on behalf of the International Missions Board for gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering during 2005: Center Roads, Galeed, and Sandy Grove. The three Churches were recognized because of the amounts given or the amount per capita given to the Offering.

Call to Worship:

Mr. Devon Varnan rendered three selections on the saxophone emphasizing the "Theme Emphasis".

Prior to the call to worship Mrs. Wanda Singletary rendered three selections in song, following the congregation singing the hymn, "Because He Lives".

The Creative Movement team from Dublin Baptist Church, composed of Mrs. Tiffany McGill, Ms Renee Norris and Mrs. Tammy Hatchell, rendered a musical rendition led by Mr. Greg Taylor singing "I Can Only Imagine."

The annual sermon was delivered by the Vice-Moderator, Rev. Scott Lewis, taking his scripture from Hebrews 12:1-2. His challenge was for the churches to work together for "Greatness".

Moderator asked that the following committee members meet with him immediately following the evening service: Preacher & Place: Rev. Barry Swain & Rev. Cameron McGill: Resolution: Rev. Richard Smith and Rev. Danny Lewis.

Moderator Jackson closed the Monday Evening Session with prayer at 8:50 P.M. to reconvene on Tuesday at 3:00 P.M. The congregation sang closing hymn, "The Solid Rock".

Tuesday Afternoon - October 24, 2006
Riverside Baptist Church

The Afternoon session of the One Hundred-Fifteenth Session of the Bladen Baptist Association reconvened at 3:00 P.M. at the Riverside Baptist Church. Rev. Currie Long, Pastor, welcomed the messengers, pastors and guest, and he read scripture from I Corinthians 12 and led in prayer.

Special music was rendered by the Pastor's Choir, led by Rev. Kincy Barrow.

DOM Report: **See page 33, Book of Reports. Dom Cannon reported that the Lord is continuing to open many doors for ministry all around the world for the gospel to be shared.**

N. C. Baptists have partnered with Honduras, Eastern Canada, Sri Lanka and Cuba. Through the International Mission Board we can go almost anywhere in the nation. N. C. Baptists have also partnered with Vermont, Hawaii, Wyoming and the Gulf Coast. We have been invited to work at Grifton, N. C. with HopeBuilders and in the warehouse used to send truckloads of materials to the Gulf Coast.

DOM welcomed Mrs. Brenda Gray and some of her children and staff from Children's Home, who are on the program this afternoon. He also passed out fliers from Operation Christmas Child.

There are local needs in our area school system such as volunteering with the various school class rooms.

He thanked the Baptist Men who have been busy with the Handyman Ministries. Rev. Walter Hayes needs helpers at the White Lake Campgrounds. Rev. Philip Blinson needs help with a Wild Game Supper. Rev. Michael Skinner will be speaking tonight about Evangelism efforts in having a crusade and using RA/GA Basketball as an outreach tool.

Some of our Churches have grown spiritually and in numbers. New Ministries have begun. The Cowboy Church in Bladenboro gave birth to a Cowboy Church at Lake Waccamaw. They are also in the process of birthing a Hispanic Cowboy Church.

DOM expressed his concern about how the churches could develop a missions consciousness which would cause them to look outside the walls of their homes and churches to see the many needs present in our county, state and world.

Prior to the opening of the afternoon business session the congregation sang a medley of songs, Heavenly Sunlight, He Keeps Me Singing and Victory in Jesus, led by Music Director Kincy Barrow.

Moderator Jackson called the afternoon business session to order at 4:00 P.M.

DIVISION REPORTS;
WMU: Mrs. Lisa Hester reported: See page 36 of the Book of Reports.
BAPTIST MEN: Mr. Thurman Bass reported. See page 37, Book of Reports.

Mr. Bass also made the following announcements: April 19. 2008, N. C. Baptist Men will partner with Operation Inasmuch. The goal is to reach all one hundred counties in N. C. through the Handy Man Ministries. The goal is for each association in the State to be involved. Rev. David Crocker is assisting the men in N.C. to develop this partnership with N. C. Operation Inasmuch.
Mr. Bass will get trained to do this ministry and will ask that each church to get at least two of their men to join in the ministry.

The N.C. Region 3 NCBM Men's Ministry Rally will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2006 at Hyde Park Baptist Church in Lumberton. The Rally will begin at 6:30 P.M. with a meal (no charge) followed by a program and will conclude by 8:30 P.M. Every Baptist man and his pastor is invited to attend.
Reservations need to be made by November 1 in order to have an accurate meal count for the caterer. Fliers were passed out that had the phone numbers to call.

On March 31, 2007 the Baptist Men Conference will be held in Charlotte, N.C.
Hickory Grove Church and more information will be available at a later date.

Mr. Bass referred to page 3 of Book of Reports indicating the Baptist Men's Director and Staff and encouraged anyone wanting any help with their Baptist Men's group to please let him or his staff know.

DISCIPLESHIP: Mrs. Leah Lewis reported. See page 34, Book of Reports.
She stated that there were only 17 of the churches in the association that were involved with Discipleship ministry and encouraged more of the churches to participate. This is a good way for growth in the church in studying the Bible.

SUNDAY SCHOOL; Rev. Kincy Barrow reported. See page 34, Book of Reports. He reminded that there is a Sunday School training group available if needed.

MUSIC; Music Director, Kincy Barrow reported. See page 38, Book of Reports. Rev. Barrow has replaced Rev. Jason Atkinson, who has moved out of the association and will be the music director for next year also. He is excited about the music program, including to have an associational choir for which a vision has been made for several years. He would like to see a large group coming together, possibly at Elizabethtown Middle School. He expressed a desire to help any church with their music department if needed.

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT/LEISURE MINISTRY: DOM Cannon reported. See page 38, Book of Reports.

YOUTH REPORT; No report

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME: Mrs. Brenda Gray of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina shared many stories about the children at the Children's Homes in North Carolina with enthusiasm. She also introduced some of the Staff at Cameron Boys Homes and six of the children who are in camp there. Each one of the boys shared his testimony and highlighted what their responsibilities were at the camp site. The staff members also shared some of the activities the boys did. The group rendered several songs. Roberta Brunck, one of the former girls at the home, sang 2 songs beautifully and gave her testimony. Roberta is from Waynesville, N. C. and her husband is in Iraq.

Mrs. Gray said that we have 16 Children's Homes in North Carolina. She also said that they have a ministry for the Developmental Disabled Adults and probably is one of their fastest growing programs.

DOM Cannon introduced Dr. Paul Mullen, North Carolina Baptist Hospital. He brought greetings from the hospital and highlighted many things that is being done at the Baptist Hospital. He emphasized that through the gifts to the Baptist Hospital we are part of the mission that is being done there and he gave his thanks for the assistance given by Bladen Baptist. See Report on page 45 and 46. He shared several stories of people whose life has been touched
through the ministry.

He also thanked the Bladen Baptist for all the offerings taken up during the year to help in crisis situations.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

Rev. Michael Skinner reported on what the Evangelism Committee is planning. He said that the committee has been talking to the Billy Graham Evangelist Association about a county wide celebration to be in October 2008. It has not been confirmed as of this date, but the committee has invited Rev. Will Graham (son of Rev. Franklin Graham) to come and speak. He has asked the Evangelism Committee to meet next Tuesday at 10 o'clock at the Bladen Baptist Association Center to discuss further plans for the celebration. He also said they are trying to get Rev. Ergun Caner, a former Muslim, to come and share his testimony. He is a Baptist Seminary President at this time. He also told of the plans to get the RA/GA basketball program underway again next year. He asked for support from the churches in getting their girls and boys involved with the basketball teams. He wants the prayers of the churches for this committee as they plan for the year.

WORSHIP SERVICE:

The hymn, "I Am Resolved" was sung by the congregation prior to the message brought by Moderator Dewey Jackson. He used the text from Philippians 2:5-11. "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus, was sung by the congregation as the invitational hymn.

The worship services closed the afternoon session to reconvene at 7:00 P.M. A delicious

dinner was served by the host church at 6:00 P.M.

Tuesday Evening, October 24, 2006
Riverside Baptist Church

The evening session began with the call to worship. The Pastor's Choir sang accompanied by White's Creek Baptist Choir.

IN REMEMBRANCE; Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts read the deceased listing. See page 54 of the Book of Reports. A candle was lit in remembrance of the deceased members.

COMMITTEE REPORT;
EVANGELISM: See Rev. Michael Skinner's report under Miscellaneous Business during the afternoon session. He also reported that we will have to call upon the other churches outside of the Baptist Faith to help make the crusade that is being planned in October 2008 a success.

NOMINATING: DOM Cannon reported for Mr. Gerald Smith. See pages 3-6 of the Book of Reports. This report was presented in the form of a motion that we accept these Officers, Program Leaders and Committees. Rev. Cameron McGill second the motion and was carried with no opposition.

FINANCE; Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts reported. See report on pages 58,59, 60 of the Book of Reports. This report also came in the form of a motion to accept the report as printed in the Book of Reports. The motion was accepted as presented.

HISTORIAN; Mrs. Roberts reported. See page 40, Book of Reports. She also emphasized the two churches who are profiled on this year's cover of the Book of Report as Friendship on the front and New Center on the back.

PREACHER & PLACE COMMITTEE REPORT; Rev. Barry Swain reported:
The recommendation of the "Preacher and Place Committee" for next year's annual session is as follows: Monday, October 29, 2007 will be held at White Lake Baptist Church along with the annual sermon being brought by Rev. Cameron McGill. Tuesday, October 30, 2007 will be held at Suggs Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Cameron McGill seconded the committee recommendation that this report be accepted. So carried by all.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT; Rev. Danny Lewis reported the following: "Be it resolved that the messengers of the One Hundred-Fifteenth session of the Bladen Baptist Association thank the leadership and members of the Dublin and Riverside Baptist Churches for their hosting of our Annual Associational Meetings.
Be it further resolved that we thank these churches for their hospitality and gracious spirit.

We also thank our associational leaders for the excellent program which provided a spirit of worship and celebration of our united work together, we the churches of the Bladen Baptist

Association." Rev. Michael Skinner seconded the motion made by the committee that the report be accepted as given. So carried. Respectfully by: Rev. Richard Smith and Rev. Danny Lewis.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS; None

The Evening Worship Service began with singing the hymn, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart". The Whites Creek Baptist Church choir rendered several selections in song, led by Rev. Kincy Barrow.

DOM Cannon introduced Dr. David Coleman, pastor of Tabor City Baptist Church who delivered the evening message.

The hymn, Wherever He Leads, was sung as closing hymn and the session was closed with Moderator leading in prayer at 845 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:
Rev. Dewey Jackson, Moderator
Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION
2006

ABBOTTSBURG–Mrs. Gladys Stephens, Mrs. Jane Thompson, Mrs. Jane Walters, Mrs. Eva Cashwell, Rev Dewey Jackson
BEARDS CHAPEL–Ms. Thelma Barnes, Mrs. Lois Smith, Rev. Gene Smith
BETHEL–Mrs. Margie Bordeaux, Mrs. Ceceile Bryan, Ms. Catherine DeVane, Mrs. Dianna Roberts, Mr Bobby Roberts, Rev. Kevin Maples
BLADENBORO, FIRST–Ms. Martilla Freeman, Ms. Nettie Fussell, Ms. Myrtle Lockamy, Ms. Nancy Hester, Rev. Bert Young
BRIAR BRANCH–Ms. Katie Smith, Ms. Ida Suggs, Mr. Troy Smith, Mr. Robert Smith, Rev. Claybourn Faircloth
BUTTERS–Ms. Grace Parnell, Ms. Mary Spence, Rev. Bobby Winebarger
CENTER ROAD–Mr. Warren Dowless, Mrs. Kathleen Dowless, Mr. Winford Evers, Mrs. Winford Evers, Rev. Vernon Britt
CHRIST COMMUNITY–Mrs. Lynn Warren, Rev. Leon Warren
CLARKTON, FIRST–Mr. Howard Elkins, Mrs. Judy Elkins, Mrs. Greta Jackson, Mr. Charles Wayne Phillips, Mrs.Kim Pittman, Dr. Larry Pittman
COUNCIL–Mrs. Princie McDuffie, Mrs. Benny Cox, Rev. Jack Miller
CYPRESS CREEK–Mrs. Mittie Smith, Mrs. Lucille Smith, Rev. Richard Smith
DUBLIN, FIRST–Ms. Lucille Andrews, Ms. Peggy Hill, Dr. R. L. Summerlin, Rev. Cameron McGill
ELIZABETHTOWN–Dr. David Elks
FAITH–Mr. Thomas Barbour, Mt. Tommy Barbour, Rev. Larry West
FRIENDSHIP–Mr. William Davis, Mr. Fred Norris
GALEED–Mrs. Florence Suggs, Mr. Bobby Lennon, Mrs. Sue Lennon, Ms. Irene Pait, Mr. Ray Suggs, Dr. Mack Roberts
GOOD NEWS–Mr. Ron Hedgpeth, Mr. Tullen Adams, Rev. Larry Hayes
GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION–Rev. Lorenzo Torres
GRACE–Mrs. Deborah Edwards, Mrs. Marie Hussey, Mrs. Vivian West
HICKORY GROVE–Mr. Harold Allen, Mr John Henry, Mrs. John Henry, Rev. Charles Brust
LISBON–Mrs. Virginia Gause
LOVE GROVE–Mr. Eddie West, Mrs. Ann Lee, Mr. Brian Bush, Mrs. Billie Bush, Rev. Randy Andrews
NEW BEGINNING–Mrs. Kay Tipton, Mrs. Teresa Smith, Mr. Michael Smith
NEW CENTER–Mr. Tom Ellis, Mr. L. T. Brown, Rev. George Langley
NORTHSIDE–Mr. Kay Meisner, Mrs. Berniece Bass, Mr. Thurman Bass, Mr. Floyd McKnight, Mr. Harold McKnight, Rev. Scott Lewis
PEACE–Rev. Buddy Cain
RICHARDSON–Mr. Tom Bryant, Rev. Darin Andrews, Mrs. Joyce Wilkins, Mrs. Billy Faye White, Mr. Gary McMillian, Mrs. Jackie Bryant, Rev. Richard Mabe
RIVERSIDE–Mrs. Joe Evans, Mrs. Bessie Evans, Mrs. Jo Ann Long, Rev. Currie Long
SANDY GROVE–Ms. Ruth Carson, Mrs. Nellie Kinlaw, Mrs. Delphia Pait, Mrs. Margaret Edwards, Rev. Jerry Beck
SHADY GROVE–Mr. Douglas Thompson, Rev. Michael Skinner
SUGGS GROVE–Ms. Reba Edge, Ms. Margaret Edge, Ms. Jean Tew, Ms. Marlene Smith, Mrs. Pait Bragg, Mrs. Mary Suggs, Rev. Barry Swain
TAR HEEL–Mrs. Lisa Abbott, Ms. Mavis Singletary, Mr. Larry Martin, Rev. Thomas Willoughby
WEST BLADENBORO–Mr. Levie Cain, Rev. Boyd Britt
WHITE LAKE–Rev. Philip Blinson
WHITE OAK–Mr. Bobby Batton. Mr. Tommy Hunsinger, Rev. Danny Lewis
WHITES CREEK–Mrs. Lori Barrow, Mrs. Gail Norris, Mr. Shelton Bordeaux, Mrs. Ruth Harrelson, Rev. Kincy Barrow
ZION HILL–Mrs. Doris Brisson, Mrs. Grace Baxley, Ms. Gladysteen Pait, Mr. Gene Brisson, Mr. Earl Brown, Rev. W.C. Baxley

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH ORGANISTS
(OR PIANIST IF NO ORGANIST)

ABBOTTSBURG–Mrs. Retha Bryan—(648-4017)
BEARDS CHAPEL–Mrs. Faye Barnes–(588-4896)
BETHEL–Mrs. Tammie Melson–(866-4687)
BLADENBORO, FIRST–Mrs. Susan M. Kelly–(863-3436)
BRIAR BRANCH–Mrs. Elaine Dickens–(588-4867)
BUTTERS–Mr. Murray Bishop–(863-3470)
CENTER ROAD–Mrs. Geri Anderson–(863-3209)
CHRIST COMMUNITY–
CLARKTON, FIRST–Dr. John Hall–(645-4620)
COUNCIL–Mrs. Doris Williams–(669-2574)
CYPRESS CREEK–Mrs. Jennifer Coble–(588-4698)
DUBLIN, FIRST–Mrs. Estelle Summerlin–(862-2020)
ELIZABETHTOWN–Mrs. Betty C. Womble–(862-3244)
FAITH–Ms. Melissa Todd–(866-5483)
FRIENDSHIP–Ms. Margaret Williams–(588-4462)
GALEED–Mr. Greg Lennon–(863-4595)
GOOD NEWS–Mr. Mike Thompson–(648-5429)
GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION–Rev. Lorenzo Torres–(862-3268)
GRACE–Mrs. Patricia McKeithan–(863-3692)
HICKORY GROVE–Mrs. Deborah A. Hester–(863-4623)
LISBON–Mrs. Virginia Gause–(645-4181)
LOVE GROVE–Mrs. Cheryl West–(827-1152)
NEW BEGINNINGS–
NEW CENTER–Miss Shelly Brown–(648-6215)
NORTHSIDE–Mrs. Doretta Lennon–(863-4432)
PEACE–
RICHARDSON–Mrs. Jennifer Nance–(648-4910)
RIVERSIDE–Mrs. Patsy McLaney–(532-6363)
SANDY GROVE–Mrs. Felisa Williams
SHADY GROVE–Mrs. Sherry Britt–(648-2385)
SUGGS GROVE–Mrs. Rosalie Russ–(862-4433)
TAR HEEL–Miss Vivian Wilson–(862-6266)
WEST BLADENBORO–Mrs. Camilla Pait–(863-3349)
WHITE LAKE–
WHITE OAK–Mrs. Shirley Burney-Klee–(549-0619)
WHITES CREEK–Mrs. Jackie Dennis–(645-4933)
ZION HILL–Mrs. Lisa Hester–(863-3135)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME: The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - MISSION: It is the Mission of this body to provide opportunity to member churches affiliated with it for cooperative efforts in carrying out the evangelistic and ministry directives of Jesus Christ; further to encourage and assist, when possible, each member church in doing the same.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP: The Association shall consist of messengers and executive membcrs who are members of the affiliated church as follows:

1. Each church of fifty (50) members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifth (50) members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five (5) lay messengers active and voting at one time. Each church shall be entitled to an equal number of alternate messengers who shall serve in the absence of the messengers. The messengers who compose the Association much come from churches that believe in practicing New Testament doctrine as set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message.*

1. Each church shall be entitled one executive member and senior pastor to serve as set forth in article IV.
2. The Pastors.
3. The elected officers of the Association

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, together with a pastor and a layman from each affiliated church. The Executive Board is charged with the duty of executing the plans and decisions of the Association and the employment and direction of the Associational Director of Missions. A full report of its work shall be presented at each Fall Session, together with plans and recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work of the Association. The Executive Board shall act for the Association between sessions in conformity with the expressed decisions of the body. A vacancy occurring between sessions may be filled for the remainder of the year as set forth in Article VI (l) ©) of this constitution.

ARTICLE V - AFFILIATED CHURCHES: A Missionary Baptist Church desiring fellowship in the Association may submit a written request for membership at a Fall session, and may be received under the watchcare of the Association for a period of time to the next ensuing Fall Session, and then upon recommendation of the Committee On Membership, such church may be received as a member by two-thirds favorable vote of the duly qualified messengers in attendance at such session.

Any member church in good standing shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal and recommendation to another similar body. Such letter may be granted from the Association in session or by the Executive Board between sessions.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS:

(1) The Executive Officers of the Bladen Baptist Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Other officers shall be Stewardship Director and Historian.

(a)Officers shall be approved at the April Executive Committee meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting. Nominees will be presented by the nominating committee or from the floor. All nominations must be with the prior consent of the nominee. They shall serve for one year beginning at the close of the annual meeting and ending at the close of the next.

(b)A qualified parliamentarian, well versed in Robert's Rules of Order, shall be appointed by the moderator during his term of office.

*(c)*If the office of Moderator becomes vacant, the vice-modcrator shall become moderator for the rest of that term. Other vacancies in associational offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Nominating Committee or from the floor, with prior consent of the nominee(s).

(d)A Moderator shall not serve more than two years in succession.

ARTICLE VII - DIVISION DIRECTORS

(1) A Division Director shall be approved by the Executive Committee during its April Meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting, for Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Evangelism, Music, Seminary Extension, Church Media, Missions Development, Leisure Ministry, Youth, and other organizations which may be added by the Association. Nominations may be presented by the Nominating Committee or from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

(a)The Division Director will begin serving in October following election, but will be responsible for planning the program and budget for year under his/her direction.

(b)Each Director will select workers for that area and present them to the Nominating Committee for approval prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee will then present the workers to the Association for approval at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL: The Associational Council shall consist of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Directors of each division. The staff members of the Associations shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.

The Associational Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to assist in planning, promoting, guiding, and calendar planning for the total Associational Program.

It will meet regularly prior to each Executive Board Meeting and Annual Session. It will consider, review, and/or prepare recommendations concerning the Associational Program for action by the Executive Board and/or Association.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES:

(1) Standing Committees shall be as follows and others may be added as deemed necessary by the Executive Board or Association. They are nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual Meeting:

Nominations	Constitution	Ordination
Membership	The Office Building and Grounds	
Finance	DOM Relations	

(2) Associational Committees: The Moderator shall appoint the following committees at the July Executive Board Meeting: (a) Committee on Place and Preacher for the following year, (b) Committee on Resolutions, ©) Committee on Enrollment, (d) Membership Committee, if needed, and (e) any other committees which may be authorized by the Association. These committees shall report during the annual session.

ARTICLE X - PROCEDURE: The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT: This Constitution may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board meeting prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on the second day.

ARTICLE XII - ADOPTION: Upon adoption, this constitution shall become effective at the close of this session of the Bladen Baptist Association.

BY-LAWS
OF
Bladen Baptist Association

I. NAME

The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association as set forth in Article I of the attached constitution. The location shall be Elizabethtown, Bladen County, North Carolina.

II. FAITH

This Baptist association accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as our rule of faith and practice. It affirms the doctrinal positions set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message,* and hereby incorporates that statement into these bylaws.

III. PURPOSE

As set forth in Article II of the attached constitution.

IV . POLITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

The government of this association is vested in the members who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical or political body or bodies.
We realize there is mutual helpfulness in working with other associations of like faith and practice as to encourage the spirit of fellowship and good will. We also recognize that there have been devised, through the voluntary cooperation of churches of like faith and order, organizations whose purpose it is to implement the missionary, educational and benevolent interests and obligations of this association and its affiliated churches. Believing that the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are organizations which have as their sole purpose the promotion and support of missions; education and benevolence of the character and in keeping with the spirit of the Bylaws and Constitution of this association, we therefore voluntarily agree to participate in the programs and ministries of these organizations.

V. MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

Section A: Requirement and Procedure

Membership will be as set forth in Article III and IV of attached Constitution of this body, namely the Bladen Baptist Association.

Section B: Duties of Affiliated Churches

1. *Cooperation:* Any church affiliated with this body shall support the same financially and be sympathetic with the purpose and mission of this body. Any voting member of this body must first be a member of an affiliated church.

2. *Provide Annual Church Profile (ACP):* Each affiliated church shall send to the clerk of the Association fourteen (14) days prior to the Fall Session of the Association, on forms furnished by the clerk, a full report of the church work for the year sending September 30th.

Section C: Rights of Affiliation and Membership

1. Each affiliated church has a right to be represented by messengers or executive committee members as set forth in article III and IV of attached constitution of this body; who in turn shall have the right to vote on all matters brought before this association.
2. Any member of an affiliated church is eligible for consideration by the membership of the association for nomination to any elective office in the association.

Section D: Termination of Affiliation

Church affiliation with this association may be terminated in the following ways:

1. By the affiliated church's request. The affiliated church may write a letter of request that its affiliation with Bladen Baptist Association be terminated. Such termination shall be effective as of the date the request is received and approved.
2. By exclusion. The association, after due notice and a reasonable opportunity for hearing and kindly efforts to make such action unnecessary, may terminate the affiliation of churches who fail to be supportive financially or fail to be sympathetic with the doctrine and purpose of this association.

VI. MEETINGS

Section A: Business.

Quorum. 12 affiliated churches represented by voting messenger(s) or executive board members shall constitute a quorum

1. Annual Sessions of the Association shall be held on Monday Evening and Tuesday Afternoon and Evening following the fourth Sunday in October.
2. Quarterly Sessions: The Executive Board shall meet on Tuesday following the third Sunday of January, April and July.
3. Special meetings may be called by the moderator or the director of missions provided one week advanced notice s given to the affiliated churches.

Section B: Procedure

All meetings of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service followed by the order of business or agenda and closed with prayer. *An order of business shall be adopted at the beginning of each annual session which shall be changed only a two-thirds vote of the body.*

Section C: The Associational Year

The associational year and reports shall cover October lst through September 30th. The fiscal year shall be January lst through December 31st.

VII. OFFICERS

Section A. Generally

Executive Officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. Other officers shall be stewardship director, historian and such others as the association shall determine. For all such officers the association shall establish and set forth in the bylaws, their means of selection and duties. All officers must be members in good standing of an affiliated church and serve at the pleasure of the association.

Duties of Executive Officers

a. Function as Board of Directors. The currently serving Executive Officers shall meet and acting together, constitute the Board of Directors of Bladen Baptist Association. Such Board of Directors shall change by and in the same procedure as Executive officers change. In their capacity as directors, they shall have the duties and responsibilities attendant to Directors, subject however to the limitation set forth in the charter bylaws and constitution. The Directors shall not have power, except as expressly authorized by the association, to purchase or sell or encumber any real or personal property, to install or remove officers or staff, to amend the Charter, bylaws or constitution, or to bind the corporation to any contract.

b. Corporate Officers. The Moderator shall, whenever required by law or practice, serve as the President of the corporation, having only such express powers as are granted by the association, and having no power absent such express authorization to bind the corporation in any matter or act for it. In a similar manner and subject to the same limitations, the Vice-Moderator shall be authorized to act as the Vice-President.

Section B. Moderator

The moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

Section C. Vice-Moderator

The Vice-Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the moderator. He/She shall be a member of te Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

Section D. Clerk

The clerk shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Clerk shall work with the Associational Staff in keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of the association, and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed, as directed by the Association or Executive Board, minutes and statistics of the Association as soon as practical after adjournment of the Fall Session. He/She shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the association six weeks before they are due. Copies of the annuals shall be provided without charge for the officers, and provided for affiliated churches as requested by payment. A copy shall be sent to each department of the Baptist State Convention and other institutions and individuals as the Association or Executive Committee may direct.

Section E. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Treasurer shall work with the Associational Staff to receive all receipts of the association, disburse them according to its order, and present a printed report of the same to the Fall Session of the Association and to the Executive Board.

Section F. Stewardship Director

The Stewardship Director shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Stewardship Director shall be responsible for Stewardship promotion working with the Director of Missions and subject to the supervision of the Executive Board.

Section G. Historian

The Historian shall be nominated the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Historian shall encourage churches to preserve their historical material, to publish a church history from time to time, and to observe their special anniversaries. He/She should maintain an Associational Historical Collection.

VIII COMMITTEES

Section A. Generally
Committees of the association shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association except those committees appointed by the moderator. Such committees are clearly designated in the by-laws and constitution. There are two types of committees, standing and special. Standing committees are listed in these by-laws while special committees are elected by the association in accordance to need.

Section B. Duties
1. THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: The Program Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Director of Missions, Director of Music and Pastors of the host churches. The Vice-Moderator shall be chairman of this committee. It shall prepare a printed program for the Annual Meeting and distribute copies to program personnel and pastors at least thirty (30) days in advance. The committee shall present the program for adoption by the association and manage any adjustments.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE: This committee shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be....to supervise the financial program of the association and to report to the Executive Board regarding the same at each quarterly meeting. The Finance Committee shall submit to the Executive Board at the July Meeting, a budget for the coming year. The budget will be voted on at the Fall Session of the Association.

3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: This Committee, composed of 5 members, shall nominate officers, Division Directors and committee members as set forth in Article V and IX of this constitution. It shall also nominate associational representatives for convention institutions and agencies are deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee or association. Vacancies occurring between annual sessions shall be filed by the Executive Board upon presentation of nominee(s) by this committee.

4. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: This committee, composed of three(3)members, shall be available to review, study and propose changes in the constitution, and make recommendations to the association regarding any changes.

5. ORDINATION COMMITTEE: This committee, composed of five(5) members shall, when requested by a member church, assist in the examination and ordination of candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

6. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE: This Committee, composed of four(4) members, shall work with the Director of Missions in keeping his job description up to date, abiding by the guidelines adopted for the relationship, reviewing compensation and time arrangements, arranging for mutual evaluation sessions, handling criticisms of the Director of Missions and hearing his complaints, helping with staff difficulties, and dealing with any problems that may arise.

7. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: This committee, composed of three(3) members and appointed by the moderator, shall study proposed resolutions and make its report in the final session of the annual meeting.

8. COMMITTEE OF PLACE AND PREACHER: This committee, composed of three(3) members is appointed by the moderator. It shall seek out and recommend meeting places for annual sessions. It shall also recommend preachers and alternates for the Fall Sessions.

9. COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT: This committee is appointed by the moderator and shall be composed of five(5) members. It shall work with the office staff to prepare for and direct the enrollment of messengers at each of the annual sessions.

IX DIVISION DIRECTORS

Section A. Generally

Division directors are nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association according to procedure set forth in article VII of the attached constitution. A director for each of the following divisions shall be elected: Brotherhood, Discipleship Training, Deacon Consultant, Evangelism, Leisure Ministry, Media, Missions Development, Music, Seminary Extension, Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union and Youth.

Section B. Duties

1. It shall be the responsibility of each Division Director to coordinate and assist the work of each committee or program group in that particular division.

2. The Division Director shall make quarterly progress reports to the Executive Board and shall prepare and submit a written annual report for the Book of Reports not later than the last scheduled meeting of the Executive Board propr to the Annual Session.

3. The Division Director shall serve on the Associational Council to help plan and coordinate the total associational ministry.

4. The Division Director shall prepare and submit a budget request for his/her division to the Finance Committee by July 1, prior to budget year planned.

X PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the moderator and shall be well versed in Robert's Rules of Order.

XI DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Section A. Election

The Director of Missions shall be elected upon the recommendation of a duly elected search committee. Nominees for the Search Committee shall be presented b the Nominating Committee to the Executive Board who shall be responsible for electing the same. The Search Committee shall then search out and recommend a qualified candidate to the Executive Board for Election. The term of office for the Director of Missions shall be until terminated by mutual consent or at the official request of either party.

Section B. Duties

The Director of Missions shall have general oversight of the work of the association, cooperating with all elected officers of the association and member churches. The Director shall be an exofficio member of all committees, councils and organizations of the association. His duties shall be carried out in accordance with agreed job description.

Section C. Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs and during the interim period, *the Associational Council shall seek out and recommend an interim Director of Missions to the Executive Board.*

Section D. Grievances
Any matter relating to the Director of Missions which is not covered in this constitution or covenant agreed upon by the association and the Director of Missions shall be referred to the DOM Relations Committee who in turn will make recommendations to the Executive Board if and when necessary.

XII REVENUE

The Bladen Baptist Association shall be supported through contributions from the affiliated churches and individual gifts other than undesignated monies, shall be accepted at the discretion of the Finance Committee.

XIII SALARIES OF OFFICERS

Salaries of the Director of Missions of the association, as well as any other officer, shall be such amount as may be provided for in the Annual Budget and approved by the association in its Fall Session.

XIV MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Minutes of all sessions of the association shall be examined, approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before being printed.

XV AUDITOR

1. The Auditor shall examine the financial books and records of the association and submit a detailed report covering his audit at such time as may be required by the Executive Board or the Association.

XVI VISITORS

1. Visitors are welcome to attend any business session of the Bladen Baptist Association, but without deliberation or voting privileges. Visitors may speak at the discretion of the moderator.

XVII AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual session of the association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board meeting prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on the second day.

XVIII EFFECTIVE DATE

1. These By-Laws or any additions or amendments thereto shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Submitted by Constitution Committee
Mr. Worth Hester
Ms. Josie Carroll
Mrs. Florence Suggs

Adopted: October 28, 1997

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY
2006-2007

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2006

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CALENDAR 2007

January

1	**New Year's Day, Assoc. Office Closed**
15	Martin Luther King Day, BSCNC Offices Closed
18-19	Vocational Evangelists Conference, Caraway
19-20	NC WMU Executive Board Meeting, Cary
21	**Baptist Men's Day in the Churches**
23	**Bladen Baptist Executive Committee Meets, 7:30pm**
TBA	**Assoc. Staff/Convention Staff Meeting, Caraway**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**
TBA	**Early Bird VBS Clinic, Date and Location TBA**

January 2007

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February

4-11	**Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Retirement Homes**
12-13	**State Evangelism and Church Growth Conference, Providence Baptist Church, Raleigh**
12-18	**Focus on WMU**
18	**Baptist College Day**
19-22	Ministerial Tax Issues Conferences
22-23	Church Weekday Education Director's Retreat, Location TBA
23-25	Statewide Youth Ski Retreat
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

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March

2	**Women's ACC Tournament Missions Event, Greensboro Coliseum**
4-11	**Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**
16-18	**Missions Extravaganza, Ridgecrest**
30-31	**Baptist Missions Conference/Baptist Men's Convention, Hickory Grove, Charlotte**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

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April

1	**Palm Sunday**
1	**Daylight Savings Time Begins**
6	**Good Friday**
8	**Easter**
9	**Easter Monday, Assoc./BSCNC Offices Closed**
9-12	Retirement Growth Conferences, Location TBA
13-15	Spring Fling I, Caswell
15	**Earth Stewards Sunday**
17	**Bladen Baptist Association Executive Committee meets, 7:30pm**
20-22	Spring Fling II, Caswell
20	**State Youth Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournaments**
20-22	State Media Library Workshop
20-22	Single Adult Retreat, TBA
21	**State Children's Bible Drills**
26	**Bladen Baptist Assoc. WMU Annual Meeting**
27-29	Spring Fling III, Caswell
28	**State Children's Bible Drills**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Bible School Clinic**

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May

6-13	**Week of Prayer and Special Offering for NC Baptist Hospitals (Mother's Day Offering)**
12-14	Deaf Youth Retreat, Caraway
12-14	Together in Christ Deaf Conference, Caraway
12-14	Interpreter's Training Program, Caraway
13	**Mother's Day**
18-19	**NC WMUExecutive Board, Mundo Vista**
20-27	**Associational Week of Prayer and Offering**
28	**Memorial Day, BSCNC/Assoc. Offices Closed**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**
TBA	**Region 3 Baptist Men's Rally**

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June
White Lake Campground Ministry Begins
10-11 **WMU, SBC Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting, San Antonio**
11-16 Caswell Youth Week I
12-13 **SBC Annual Meeting, San Antonio**
17 **Father's Day**
18-23 Caswell Youth Week II
TBA **Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

July
4 **July 4th, BSCNC/Assoc. Offices Closed**
13-15 Bi-Vocational Minister's Conference, Caraway
16-21 Caswell Youth Week IV
17 **Bladen Baptist Association Executive Committee meets, 7:30pm**
23-28 Caswell Youth Week V
TBA **Bladen Baptist Pastor's Conference**

August
17-18 **Lay Witnessing Conference, Caraway**
TBA **Bladen Baptist Pastor's Conference**

September
White Lake Campground Ministry Ends
3 **Labor Day**
9-16 **Week of Prayer and Special Offering for North Carolina Missions**
14-15 Fall Sunday School Leadership Conference, Location TBA
17-20 Retirement Choices Conferences
17-19 Surviving Conflict in Ministry, Friendly Ave. Church, Greensboro
21-22 Fall Sunday School Leadership Conference, Location TBA
28-29 NC WMU Executive Board Meeting, Mundo Vista
TBA **Bladen Baptist Pastor's Conference**
TBA **Bladen Baptist Men's & WMU Annual Training Event/Rally**

October
6 Fall Bible Study/Church Admin. Leadership Equipping Seminars
8-11 Insurance Conferences, TBA
14-17 Fall Senior Adult Conference I, Caraway
22-24 Fall Senior Adult Conference II, Caraway
29-30 **Bladen Baptist Association Annual Meetings**
TBA **Bladen Baptist Pastor's Conference**
TBA **World Hunger Day**

November
3 Fall Bible Study/Church Admin. Leadership Equipping Seminars
5 **Baptist Women's Day of Prayer**
11-18 **Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Children's Homes**
12-14 **Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Annual Sessions**
22 **Thanksgiving, BSCNC/Assoc. Offices Closed**
TBA **M-Night in the Association**
TBA **Bladen Baptist Pastor's Conference**

December
TBA **Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**
TBA **WMU Days at Operation Christmas Child**
24-28 **Association Office Closed for Week of Christmas**
24-31 **BSCNC Offices Closed for Christmas**
25 **Christmas**
31 **New Year's Eve**
TBA **Bladen Baptist Pastor's Christmas Party**

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
January 17, 2006

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Associational Center on January 17, 2006 with Vice-Moderator, Scott Lewis, presiding. Rev. Barry Swain gave the devotion and led in prayer.

The roll call was made by the Clerk, Mrs. Virginia W. Gause. There were thirty-one (31) present and nineteen (19) churches represented.

Rev. Michael Skinner made a motion that the minutes be approved as printed. The motion received a second and passed with no opposition.

REPORTS:
SUNDAY SCHOOL: No report

DISCIPLESHIP: Mrs. Leah Lewis reported that sometime in the spring there will be a Discipleship Training Fair for all the churches in the association. The Fair would give our area churches an opportunity to preview and ask the experts about the discipleship material available through Life Way.

BROTHERHOOD: Mr. Thurman Bass gave the following report: The Bladen Baptist Association Baptist Men have been busy with handyman ministries and disaster recovery work this quarter.

The Handyman Ministries have built five handicap ramps, moved one and covered one porch. Seven teams have worked in Gulfport, MS.

Up Coming Events are: A team from Galeed is scheduled to go to Gulfport in January. A team from Zion Hill and Sandy Grove is scheduled to go in February or March. They will welcome others to join them. Please pass this information to your church and have interested parties call.

If you do not have a Brotherhood Program in your church and would like to start one, Mr. Thurman would be glad to assist in any way.

There will be a Baptist Men Meeting on Sunday night at Northside Baptist Church revealing a new format. Everyone is invited.
MUSIC: Rev. Jason Atkinson, Music Director, gave the report. He continues to encourage the churches to use the music library at the associational center as there is good material available for use. Rev. Atkinson continues to express his desire to have an associational choir.

There will be a music conference held on the weekend after Labor Day. It will be at Caraway. He urged the churches to contact him if anyone is interested in attending to enhance their music department.

WMU: DOM Bruce Cannon gave the following report for Mrs. Judy Elkins:
One Hundred-fifty (150) shoe boxes were sent to the Baptist Children's Home in November.
Several churches assisted Clarkton Baptist Church with Operation Christmas Child.
Several of the WMU ladies participated in the mission trips to Honduras and Gulfport, Mississippi.
Gifts were sent to Odom Home in Pembroke, N. C.
The WMU ladies in the county had baby showers for the Pregnancy Center.
Thanksgiving baskets were made and delivered to needy families
Clothes were given to the Thrift Shop in Bladenboro and food and clothes to the Crisis Center in Elizabethtown.
Several WMU ladies continue to volunteer their time at the Thrift Shop.
Food was given to the Crisis Center.
The Annual WMU meeting will be on April 4, 2006 at Zion Hill Baptist Church beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Brenda Gray, Children's Home, will be the guest speaker

MEDIA/LIBRARY: DOM Cannon reported old filmstrips and obsolete material are continually being destroyed at the associational office.

ANNUITY: No Report

MISSION DEVELOPMENT: Rev. Walter Hayes reported and shared experiences they had encountered at the White Lake camp ground as a result of Christian ministry. He encouraged the churches to help with this ministry. There will be the first annual all day gospel singing at the lake on August 12th. The time will be from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Mr. James Melvin has volunteered the use of his facilities at Melwood Fest. There will also be a two hour ministry held at Goldston Beach every Saturday afternoon. He said that the leisure ministry was also held at the golf course and Bladen We-Care Foundation. They could also go in to housing developments and trailer parks such as providing
Bible School.

Stewardship: Mr. David Clark presented this report and he made a motion that it be accepted as printed. There was a second and it was approved with no opposition.

Evangelism: DOM reported that Rev. Daryl Covington, Chairman of this Committee had left the county to go to Korea to work with missions and he needed our prayers. They are having Bibles printed in the Korean language. Rev. Michael Skinner, a member of the committee, will proceed with the chairmanship. He asked that everyone be in prayer for an Area Wide Crusade to be held at possibly West Bladen High School. There will be a meeting at the associational office on January 31st pertaining to this ministry.

DOM Report: DOM Cannon said that they were looking at rotating the January, April, and July executive meetings to the various churches because of the lack of parking space at the associational center. It will be up to the Executive Committee members to make this change. The annual meeting held in October has already been held at different churches.

DOM Cannon gave each member a copy of the February Blade. He said that the large Blade is sent out to about 700 homes every January, April, July and October. For the other months they would send out a flier to the churches and ask the pastors to share the information. He reported that there is going to be a Christian Estate planning speaker from the State coming to the Barn Restaurant to speak on Wills and Estate Planning. There will be a free meal provided on January 26th. They need to know who will be attending by Monday of next week.

He announced that there will be a Women's Bible Study to be held at the associational center and will be led by Mrs. Lynn Warren. The study will begin on January 26th. The only cost would be for the purchase of the Bible Study book which will be $10.00.

There were 42 professions of faith during the Honduras mission trip and 1,348 patients seen in four and one half days. Mr. Gene Smith also made comments regarding the mission trip. There will be a group going back in September.

There are 50 RA/GA basketball teams this year. DOM made other comments on how the coaches had the opportunity to witness to the boys and girls on the teams each week. It was also mentioned that at the beginning of each game the teams would pray the Lord's Prayer and at the end of the game the teams would go back on the court and close in prayer.

Teams are going to Gulfport, MS on mission trips to help with the work of rebuilding 500 homes of the hurricane victims.

Mission work is being conducted in the county to help with various projects.

The Early-Bird VBS Clinic will be held at the Bladen Baptist Center on February 21st. The LifeWay Christian Store in Fayetteville will bring all of the supplies needed for VBS and will be available for sale.

The following events were announced:
Dublin First Baptist Church has called Rev. John Rollyson as Associate Pastor, and he will begin his ministry on January 22nd.
Rev. Greg Packer, Grace Baptist Church, has been going through physical difficulties recently but has improved.
Rev. Chad Ivester resigned as pastor of Lisbon Baptist Church on January 15th. They are moving to Kershaw, S. C. and begin a pastorate there in February.

Pray for Rev. Steve Butler. He has serious health concerns.
Shady Grove Baptist Church voted to officially plant a new ministry known as a "Cowboy Church" and to loan their pastor, Rev. Jerry Beck. Plans are to begin services in March.
Tar Heel Baptist Church has a team of 15 going to Gulfport to help with the rebuilding process there and they will be leaving on February 5th.

Rev. W. C. Baxley, Zion Hill Baptist Church, is having medical problems and need the prayers of Christians.
Briar Branch, Lisbon, Tar Heel and White Oak are without pastors and need our prayer.

Special Committee Report: **None**

New Business: **Rev. Jerry Beck reported on the Cowboy Ministry. They plan to meet on Tuesday night at 7:00 P.M. beginning in March. There are no plans to be meeting at any time on Sunday or Wednesday night. They are trying to reach the cowboy population. They plan to meet at the old White stables in Bladenboro. There is a Cowboy Church Boot Camp Training in Raleigh and he plans to attend. This will be a Baptist Church and he asked for the prayers from everyone.**

Mr. Thurman Bass made a motion to sell the Disaster Recovery Van because of the high expense for operating the van and purchasing a trailer. The van only receives about 5 miles per gallon of gas. There was discussion regarding what should be done at this time and DOM suggested that we consider tabling this matter. Mr. David Clark made a motion that we table the matter and appoint a committee to investigate further what would be the best thing to do. The motion received a second and carried. The committee composes of the following men: Mr. Thurman Bass, Mr. Gregg Johnson and Mr. W. C. Baxley.

Rev. Jason Atkinson made a motion at 8:15 P.M. that the meeting be adjourned. A second to the motion was received and passed. Prayer was rendered by Vice Moderator Lewis.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Scott Lewis, Vice Moderator
Mrs. Virginia W. Gause

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
APRIL 17, 2006

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on April 17, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. with Moderator Dewey Jackson presiding. Rev. Bobby Winebarger led in the devotion and prayer.

The roll call of churches was made by the Clerk, Mrs. Virginia W. Gause. There were fourteen (14) churches represented with twenty-two (22) present.

The minutes of the January 17, 2006 meeting were approved as printed with no corrections. A copy of the minutes had been mailed to each executive board member prior to the meeting.

REPORTS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: DOM Cannon reported. He passed out a flier pertaining to the VBS Clinic to be held on May 4, 2006, 6:30 p.m. at Whites Creek Baptist Church. The Theme is "The Arctic Edge."

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING: Mrs. Leah Lewis reported and passed out a flier announcing the Discipleship Training Fair which will be held at Sandy Grove Baptist Church on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. There will be literature from Lifeway available to purchase. There will be a light meal served. She also encouraged more churches to participate in the Bible Drills.

BROTHERHOOD: Mr. Thurman Bass gave the following report:
The Baptist men have been busy with handy man ministries and disaster recovery work this quarter.
They have built three handicap ramps and completed restoration of one house in Clarkton.
Richardson Church has improved their parking area and driveway by applying marrow.
Zion Hill has enlarged their choir and pulpit area.
Northside has delivered a Gift Bus to a church in Mexico. Money to purchase Bibles will be sent soon.
Tar Heel and Love Grove Churches are working together to add a bath and laundry room to a home in Tar Heel.
Shady Grove has a Cowboy Church in Bladenboro well on its way.
Two teams have gone to Gulfport, MS for disaster relief work.
White Oak has a team of ten in Gulfport, MS at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 11, the Region 3 Mission Rally is scheduled in Shallotte at First Baptist Church. The meal begins at 6:30 p.m. with no charge and registration is required. Registration forms are available at the Bladen Associational Center.

July 22-29 one hundred eighty-seven (187) World Changers are coming to Bladen County. There is a need for five or six men to serve as crew chiefs. Also there is a need for 12-15 churches to adopt a team.

August 11-12 Men's Ministry Leadership Training will be at Caraway. The total cost per person is $55.00. This includes the program fees, lodging and meals with two per room. The Brotherhood leaders from each church are encouraged to attend the training.

Mr. Bass will assist any church who would like to begin a Brotherhood program.

WMU: DOM reported there were one hundred-fifty shoe boxes sent to the Baptist Homes in November. The WMU has also participated in Operation Christmas Child. The ladies plan to participate in a mission trip to Gulfport, MS and Honduras.

They also gave gifts to Odom Home in Pembroke, Pregnancy Center, Thanksgiving baskets for families, clothes to the Thrift Shop and food to the Crisis Center. There are several ladies that volunteer at the Thrift Shop in Bladenboro.

The annual WMU associational meeting will be held April 4, 2006 at Zion Hill Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mrs. Brenda Gray from the Baptist Children's Home.

MEDIAL/LIBRARY; DOM Cannon reported that they are continuing the work of disposing of the old material at the center and making room for the Music Library.

ANNUITY: No report

MISSIONS DEVELOPMENT: Rev. Walter Hayes reported. He shared a story of a family who had been at White Lake Camp Ground and how the Leisure Ministry had ministered to this needy family. He continued to encourage the churches who could furnish any type of ministry to make contact with him. On August 12, 2006 there will be the first Gospel Singing at White Lake, beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. until 7 o'clock p.m. Every hour there will be a different group singing. There will also be a Saturday afternoon ministry at Goldston Beach.

EVANGELISM: No report

STEWARDSHIP: Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts presented the treasurer's report and moved the adoption of the report as printed. A copy of the report was given to each executive member and was approved with no questions or opposition.

DOM REPORT: **DOM gave the following report:**

DOM urged a good attendance at the Discipleship Training Fair that was announced by Discipleship Director earlier in the meeting.

Baptist Children's Home Food Drive: Items must be received at the Association Center no later than Monday, April 24th at 9 o'clock a.m. A truck will be coming that morning to pick up the food/supplies.

Baptist Children's Homes Friends of Children Spring Workday: Scheduled for May 6th on the Odom Home Campus in Pembroke. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Work will be from 9:00 a.m. until Noon. A free lunch will be provided. This is a great way to work side-by-side children we are helping take care of through the ministries of the Baptist Children's Home.

VBS Clinic: The announcement had already been made earlier in this document and DOM encouraged good participation from the churches.

Baccalaureate Services: There will be a service at both East and West Bladen High Schools on Wednesday, May 31st beginning at 7 o'clock p.m. This is an outstanding opportunity to take Jesus on campus at two of the largest mission fields in the county. He encourages the churches to move their prayer services to the two schools.

DOM reiterated what Mr. Bass had said about World Changers coming to the county on July 22-28. He also said that they needed churches to host the teams and invite them to worship with them on Sunday, provide a meal after worship and agree to feed the teams on the job site or at the Church if the job site was close enough to the church. Meals will consist of sandwiches, pizza, hamburgers or hotdogs, chips and drinks, etc. DOM asked that any church wishing to participate to contact the associational office. There will be worship services conducted with the group. Everyone is invited to attend these services. This is an outstanding opportunity for our youth to meet others from as far away as Rhode Island and Arkansas.

DOM announced that Rev. Steve Butler's health is not good and he has resigned New Beginnings Church. He also said that the following churches are without pastors: Beard's Chapel, Galeed, Briar Branch, Lisbon, Tar Heel and White Oak. He also said that there were over 3,000 who attended "See You At The Poles" which was held at the high schools.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

Disaster Recovery Van & Disaster Relief Recovery Trailer

Rev. Larry Hayes made a motion that the business item under new business, which was tabled, at the January 17, 2006 meeting pertaining to selling the Disaster Recovery Van, be taken off the table. The motion received a second and was approved. The original motion to sell the van was brought back up and for the van to be sold at a sealed bid and the highest bidder would get the van. It was also mentioned the right to reject a bid if it was too low. Rev. Walter Hayes suggested that the sale be advertised in the Bladen Journal. The original motion for the van to be sold was second and was approved.

Mr. Thurman Bass, representing the Disaster Relief Recovery Committee, made the following motion: That the Baptist Association purchase one 7x14' tandem v-nose trailer with hydraulic surge brake system with free-wheel backing. The cost is $5,135.00. This included tag and title fees. The motion received a second and was approved. The original committee to deal with purchasing the trailer was Mr. Thurman Bass, Mr. Greg Johnson and Rev. W. C. Baxley. This committee will remain active.

Nominating Committee Report:

DOM presented the following proposal for officers for year beginning January 1, 2007 in the form of a motion for approval:

Moderator: Rev. Scott Lewis
Vice Moderator, Rev. Boyd Britt
Clerk, Mrs. Virginia W. Gause
Treasurer, Mr. David Clark
Historian, Mrs. Ethelene Barnes
Auditor, Mr. David Edge
Sunday School Director, Rev. Dewey Jackson
Discipleship Training Director – vacant
WMU Director, Mrs. Lisa Hester
Baptist Men's Director, Mr. Thurman Bass
Music Director, Rev. Kincy Barrow
Evangelism, Rev. Michael Skinner
Pastoral Ministry Representative, Rev. W. C. Baxley
Annuity Consultant, Rev. Vernon Britt
Deacon Consultant, Mr. Craven Sealey
Missions Development, Rev. Walter Hayes
Stewardship, Mr. David Edge
Prayer and Spiritual Awakening, Rev. W. C. Baxley

The motion to accept this slate of officers was second and approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

DOM Cannon introduced Rev. Bob Roone, who brought greetings from the Board of Directors of the State Baptist Convention of North Carolina, for which he serves. He thanked the churches for all they do to help fund the mission work in N. C. Rev. Boone is also pastor of the Webb Chapel Baptist, Macclesfield, N. C. and former pastor at Zion Hill Baptist Church in Bladen County. He presented an Anti-Lottery Campaign called "Buck the Lottery". This campaign has been endorsed by his association and his plan is to present it to the State Convention. He said that to give one dollar per month to a selected school instead of buying a lottery ticket would give the schools more money than what they would get out of the lottery. He also said to include a letter with the money indicating the money is being given as the result of the project "Buck the Lottery." The school can use the money at their discretion .The school would get every penny that was given for education. Rev. Boone said by giving the money to the school would be a way of showing that the churches were not against education but was against the lottery. Rev. Boone elaborated on how the concept of the lottery helping education was misleading and he said that by supporting "Buck the Lottery" would give more money to the schools if people would join him in this effort to fight the North Carolina Lottery concept of helping with education funding. He passed out several copies of news articles that had been in the news papers in his area.

He asked the Bladen Baptist Association to join him in this effort to "Buck the Lottery" and support education funding by giving a dollar per month directly to a school of choice.

Rev. Bobby Winebarger made a motion that Bladen Baptist Association go on the record indicating they endorse the "Buck the Lottery" concept. The motion received a second and there was much discussion among those present. The motion was approved with no opposition.

A motion was made at 9:05 to adjourn. The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Rev. Dewey Jackson, Moderator
Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
JULY 18, 2006

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on July 18, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. with Moderator Dewey Jackson presiding. The hymn, Amazing Grace, was sung and Rev. Larry Hayes led in devotion and prayer. The hymn, Victory in Jesus, was sung following the devotion.

Moderator Jackson recognized Virginia W. Gause, Clerk, for the roll call. There were twenty-nine (29) present with eighteen (18) churches represented.

DOM Cannon made a motion that the minutes for the April 18, 2006 meeting be approved as printed. A second was received and so carried.

Reports:

Discipleship: No report.

Brotherhood: Mr. Thurman Bass reported:
The Bladen Baptist Men have had another busy three months with handyman ministries. Four handicap ramps have been built.

Northside Church has enlarged one Sunday School class room by removing a wall to combine two rooms. Also they have removed carpet and installed laminated flooring and painted one wall in the Fellowship Building.

Zion Hill is working on the Disaster Relief Trailer. It has been painted on the inside and they are in the process of installing shelves, cabinets and an office area.

The Disaster Relief Van was sold for the sum of $3,000.00. The new trailer was ordered and received on June 21, 2006.

Upcoming Events:

The work on the Disaster Relief Trailer is almost completed. The funds in the Handyman Ministries are getting very low. Mr. Bass urged any church who has not contributed to this cause to please help so the trailer will be ready for an August 6 trip to Mississippi.

There will be 216 World Changers in Bladen County to work July 22-29.

The week of August 6-11 Zion Hill will be going to Gulfport, Ms. They have three spaces available for anyone interested in going.

There will be a Men's Ministry Leadership Training at Caraway on August 11-12. The total cost per person is $55.00. This includes program fees, lodging and meals. (two persons per room)

He encouraged Brotherhood leaders from each church to attend this training.

Northside Church will host the annual Baptist Men/Women Training Rally on Tuesday, September 21, 2006 from 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. A fish fry is planned. Mr. Bass has the registration forms if anyone needs one.

The WMU annual meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2007 and the men are encouraged to attend.

Mr. Bass encouraged any church that does not have a Brotherhood Program to contact him if help is needed.

WMU: Mrs. Judy Elkins made the following report:

Zion Hill Church was host to the annual WMU meeting held in April. Mrs. Brenda Gray, Baptist Children's Homes, was guest speaker. There were about 65 children who attended the meeting.

The WMU has been busy with mission projects in the county and going on mission projects to Gulfport, MS. Books were sent to school libraries in Gulfport. Bibles were sent to Mexico.

Many of the ladies worked in VBS during the summer months.

The ladies will be helping host the World Changers during the week of July 22-29.

WMU will take part in the Red Box Mission Project during the month of November. This is for the Women's Prison in Raleigh. November 6, 2006 will be the due date for the boxes to be brought to the Associational Center. The boxes will be delivered to Camp Mundo Vista on November 10, 2006.

WMU has the opportunity to adopt a cottage at the Baptist Children's Homes in Thomasville.

The WMU will be meeting with the men for training on September 21. 2006 at Northside. Yevonne Lewis from Wilmington will be assisting with the training.

Media/Library: No report

Annuity: No report

Missions Development: Rev. Walter Hayes reported: He continues to ask any church who has any type of ministry to help with the White Lake Leisure Ministry to contact him. He gavewitness to how the ministry continues to help individuals who attend the camp ground. He also passed out a flier concerning the first White Lake Praise Him Festival to be held on August 12, 2006 at Melwood Music Park at White Lake from

10.00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. There will be about ten different groups performing. Everyone is to bring their own lawn chair. There will be food and drinks available and a love offering will be taken up to help pay the expenses of the groups. He encouraged everyone to help make the announcement to the churches.

Stewardship: Mr. David Clark made a motion that the treasurer's report which was mailed to each member be approved as printed. There was a second and the report was approved.

Evangelism: DOM reported in the absence of Michael Skinner. The Committee has sent an invitation to the Billy Graham Evangelism Association hoping to get Will Graham, grandson, of Billy Graham, who is a pastor in the Raleigh Area to speak.

DOM Report: DOM Cannon introduced Rev. Danny Lewis, Pastor at White Oak. The following churches are without pastors: Beards Chapel, Briar Branch, Friendship, Galeed, Lisbon, New Beginnings and Tar Heel. Dublin has hired Devon Varnan from Fayetteville, who is a student at Campbell, as their Minister of Music.

Report on World Changers: Nineteen Bladen County Churches, one Columbus Association Church (Western Prong) and one Robeson Association Church (Orrum) have adopted World Changers work teams to feed while they are here. Other churches will be carrying around cold drinks (water and Gatorade) on the job sites. There will be around twenty to twenty-five projects to be done. Roofs and rotted boards will be replaced, homes will receive new paint and wheel chair ramps will be built. The workers will be attending worship services Sunday through Friday night, except Wednesday night.

DOM encourages good attendance at the Baptist Men/WMU Rally to be held on September 21 ,2006 a Northside. The meal will be at 6:00 P.M. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

DOM announced that on September 27, 2006 "See you at the Poles" will be held at each of the schools in the county and said pastors and others are needed to work with the principals.

The Associational Annual Meeting will be at Dublin First Baptist Church on October 23, 2006 and at Riverside Baptist Church on October 24, 2006.

VBS 2007 theme will be "Game Day Central, Where Heroes are Made " Hebrews 12:1-2. The 2006 VBS reports are needed in the Association Office.

The CRC Website has changed for input for the ACP and that instructions to the churches should be available by the end of August.

DOM reported that Faith Church has started a building fund.

Special Committee Reports: None

New Business: Moderator Jackson appointed the following for the Preacher & Place Committee: Cameron McGill, Barry Swain and Dewey Jackson. Resolution Committee: Richard Smith and Danny Lewis.

DOM presented the 2007 Calendar for approval. There are still dates to add and he made a motion that the calendar be approved as printed and permission to add those dates that may be added later. Ray Barber made a motion to accept the calendar as presented and David Clark second the motion. The motion was carried.

DOM presented the report of Officers, Program Leaders and Committee Members for approval. Leah Lewis will be the GA Director and Howard Elkins added to Sunday School. Larry Hayes second the motion and the report was accepted as presented.

David Clark presented the proposed budget for 2007 in the form of a motion. Motion carried.

Cameron McGill made a motion at 8:45 P.M. that the meeting be adjourned. Walter Hayes second the motion. Moderator led in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Rev. Dewey Jackson, Moderator
Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT 2006

This has been a good year in the life and ministries of the Bladen Baptist Association. As DOM this report gives me opportunity to share with you some of the good things that have taken place over the last twelve months. Before I share that info however, I want to thank the Lord for the privilege of being able to serve in the Bladen Baptist Association for these seventeen years. Wendy and I arrived here on September 26th, 1989. The Lord gave me the opportunity to pastor Galeed from then until March 2000 and opened the door for me to serve as your Director of Missions from January 1, 2000 until present. Also let me personally thank all of our Churches for allowing me the privilege of working with them as we labor together to grow the Kingdom here in Bladen County.

Hurricane Katrina gave us a lot of opportunity to serve the Lord. To date around a dozen teams have gone to Gulfport to cut up trees, tear out the damaged interiors of homes and begin the process or rebuilding homes and lives. To help with this process our old Disaster Truck was sold and a Disaster Trailer was purchased. This trailer can be pulled by a van or truck to the affected areas and is stocked with the tools and equipment necessary to do almost any type of work needed. If your congregation has a work project please feel free to borrow the trailer. It is here for your use.

As I write this report I am in the process of working with Dr. Kenneth Dinkins, superintendent of the Bladen County Schools, to create a working model which would allow volunteers to work inside the schools in our county in an effort to help those students having significant struggles in learning to read and write. I have long believed the school system to be one of our biggest missions fields in the county and one that would give us a lot of opportunity to show Christ's love to the needy.

We are still having morning devotions in our High Schools and are in the process of working with the District Leadership of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes to have "Christian Huddles" in our Middle Schools as well. This would open more doors for us to minister to our County's youth by allowing us to place speakers in the various Schools as they have their FCA meetings.

This year's ***See You At The Pole*** was a huge success. We have record of around 2,800 participating in the event on Wednesday, September 27th. In conjunction with the SYATP a Rally was held at the West Bladen High School on Sunday night, September 24th. The event was very well attended and three youth came to know Christ that night. The Friday night previous, September 22nd, a Youth Blast was held at the Bethel Baptist Church through the efforts of several of our Churches. That event was blessed to have eight other youth make professions of faith. We praise the Lord for blessing these efforts.

An effort is currently underway to have a County-wide Crusade in 2007 using the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Events such as these have been used in counties around to reach many lost and unchurched people. More information will be shared about this in the next months ahead.

The ***World Changers*** allowed Bladen County to have a team over 200 youth and their leaders come to our area to work on the homes of those needing help, but not being able to do the work themselves or afford to pay for it. Over twenty-five projects were completed during that week in July and fifteen souls were saved. Let me extend thanks to those who hosted teams and provided funds to make this happen.

Six of our pastors including myself are in the process of taking training for chaplaincy. This training will enable us to have a group of ministers ready in the event of tragedy in our area and will further help us be ready for the Lord's call. Last year a West Bladen High School student was killed. Over the next several days the Board of Education called local ministers in to counsel with school students struggling with the death of their classmate. This chaplaincy training will provide the necessary certification and training to allow us to be used in circumstances such as these.

Thank you for giving to the work of the ministry. The Bladen Baptist Association is absolutely dependent on your prayer, involvement and monetary gifts to continue the work we believe the Lord has laid out for us. Without you it literally could not get done. Please pray that the Lord will open even more doors for us to step through and that there will be many, many willing hearts to go.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce E. Cannon, Director of Missions

Sunday School Report - 2006

Sunday School is evangelism through Bible study. As Associational Sunday School Director for this past year I have made available an opportunity for five (5) churches at a time to partner together for training to realize our outreach potential through the Sunday School. Two churches expressed an interest and so though the training did not take place this year, perhaps this opportunity may be possible in the new year. Remember, Sunday School is the Church already organized to do the work of the Church. Take advantage of those already established small groups and reach out. A special thanks to the Associational VBS Training team for an outstanding 2006 training event. Attendance was moderate at our 2006 clinic but the training was very productive. VBS is alive and well in Bladen Baptist Association.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Kincy Barrow

Associational Sunday School Director

Discipleship Training Report
2006

It has been a year of transition for the Discipleship Training program in the Bladen Baptist Association. Mrs. Etta Smith has faithfully served as this program's director for many years and continues to coordinate the Bible Drill component of the Discipleship Training program along with Mrs. Doris Brisson, both of Zion Hill Baptist Church. This year, I have attempted to come along side them to promote an Association-wide awareness and interest in the variety and availability of Discipleship training materials.

One way we tried to facilitate this goal was by coordinating a Discipleship Training Fair on April 25th, 2006. Sandy Grove Baptist Church hosted this event. LifeWay representatives set up an on-site sales display of materials and programs available to our area churches.

Before anyone can be a teacher, they must first be a student. Before anyone can be a leader, they must first be a follower. As a follower of Christ, it has been my honor and privilege to serve my fellow Christians in our Bladen Baptist Association this year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leah G. Lewis

Women's Missionary Union
Report-2006

The purpose of WMU in our association continues as it did from 1914 until today. To carry out WMU's purpose, five tasks are outlines as followers:

. Pray for and give to missions
. Do missions
. Learn about missions
. Develop spiritually toward a missions lifestyle
. Participate in the work of the church and the denomination

Each year the North Carolina WMU provides gift box for the inmates in our state women's prison. Each associational WMU contributes a certain item from the Red Box gift list. The Bladen Baptist WMU provided 300 containers of deodorant and 300 individual bags of hard candy. Our ladies continue to send letters and packages to our military stationed in Iraq. The WMU Thrift Shop continues to serve the community. Not only does the WMU Thrift Shop serve those in need, it also provides money for the Bladen Baptist Association's budget each year. Various churches have carried out many mission projects. Some members have been involved in mission trips including West Virginia, Honduras, Vermont, Mexico and the Gulf Coast. The ladies also provided library books for the children in Gulfport, Mississippi. Some churches have provided school supplies for needy children, clothes for those that have lost their home, and made prayer shawls. Numerous baby items were given to the Bladen Crisis Pregnancy Center, Campbell soup labels were collected for a home missionary's project. Soda tabs collected for the Ronald McDonald House to help them with overhead expenses. Many participated in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoe Box Project; shoe boxes and toys for North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes in Thomasville. A Church has an outreach program in Women's Fitness Classes and Karate for Christ classes.

Churches observed World Day of Prayer, International Mission Week of Prayer and the North American Mission Week of Prayer. Offerings for Foreign, Home, and State Mission were taken. Mission studies and special speakers were also sponsored.

Last April the Bladen Association WMU met for its annual meeting hosted by Zion Hill Baptist Church. We were treated by Brenda Gray, Executive VP, Development and Communications of the NC Baptist Children's Home. She inspired us with her love for "our children" and their needs.

WMU continues committed to the cause of mission education and opportunities for participation in God's work.

Respectfully Submitted,
Judy Elkins
Associational WMU Director

BROTHERHOOD REPORT 2006

The Bladen Baptist Association Baptist Men have been busy with handyman ministries and disaster recovery work this year.

The Handyman Ministries have built 20 handicap ramps and relocated one. Tar Heel Church and Love Grove have repaired a home by adding a bath and laundry room. Northside has replaced flooring in the fellowship hall, removed walls from two Sunday school rooms to increase them. Zion Hill has increased the pulpit and choir area in their church.

Northside Church sent a 15 passenger van to Mexico. Donations were collected to send Spanish Bibles in the amount of $1225.

The old Disaster Relief van was sold and replaced with a 7' X 14' trailer which is in use now.

World Changers were here July 22 – 29 and completed more than 20 jobs of ramp building, roofing, painting and repairing homes. They will return in July 2007. We need churches to sponsor a team as they work throughout the county.

More than 10 teams of men, women and youth have gone to Gulfport MS this year to rebuild homes.

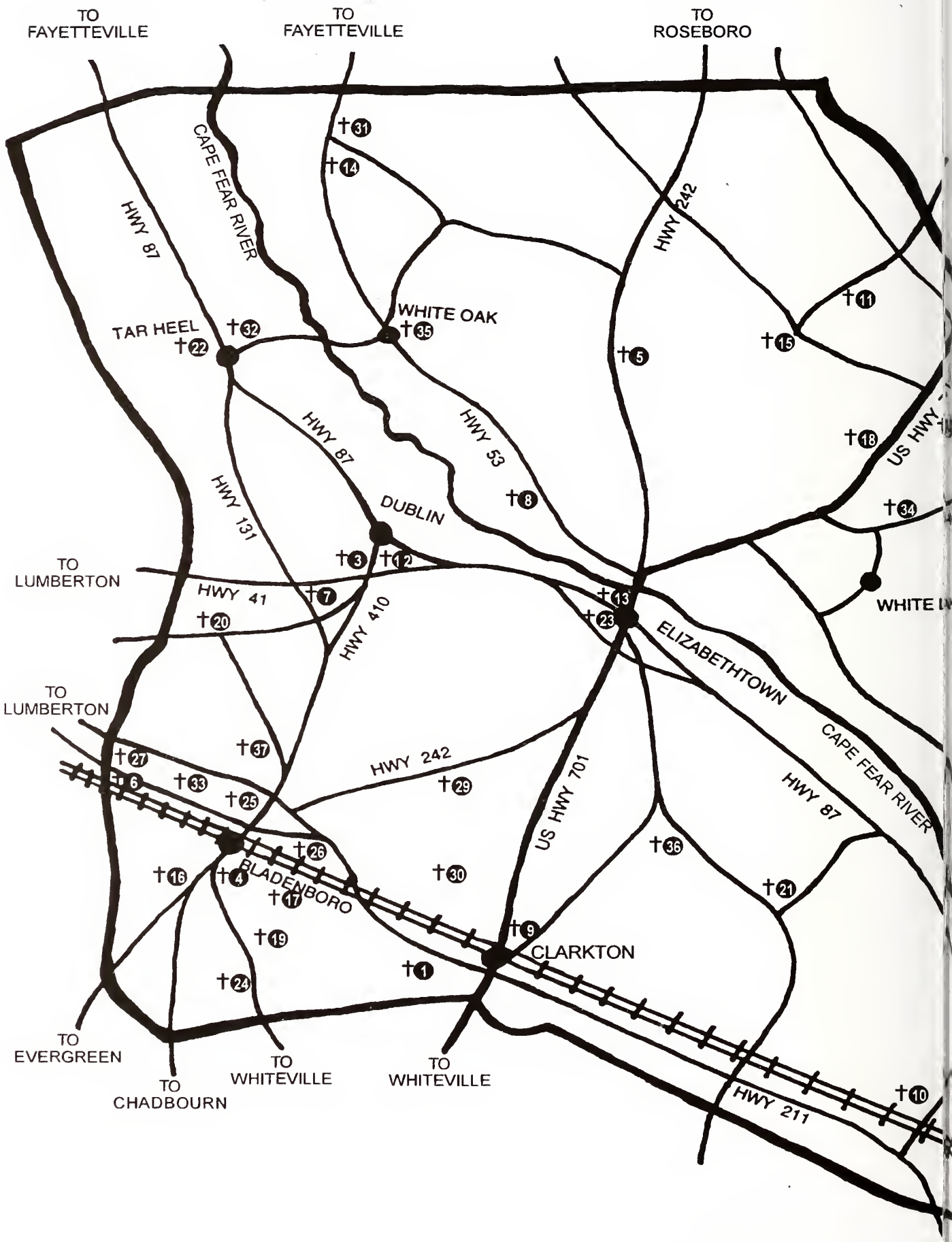
September 21 Northside Baptist Church hosted the annual leadership training event for the Bladen Baptist Men and WMU. There were over 125 in attendance. Twenty churches were represented. This was a huge success.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Baptist Men's Director. If I may help you regarding missions in any way please feel free to call on me.

Respectfully submitted,

Thurman W. Bass

Associational Baptist Men's Director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Churches of
The Bladen Baptist Association

1. ABBOTTSBURG
2. BEARDS CHAPEL
3. BETHEL
4. BLADENBORO, FIRST
5. BRIAR BRANCH
6. BUTTERS
7. CENTER ROAD
8. CHRIST COMMUNITY
9. CLARKTON, FIRST
10. COUNCIL
11. CYPRESS CREEK
12. DUBLIN, FIRST
13. ELIZABETHTOWN
14. FAITH
15. FRIENDSHIP
16. GALEED
17. GOOD NEWS
18. GOOD SHEPHERD
19. GRACE
20. HICKORY GROVE
21. LISBON
22. LOVE GROVE
23. NEW BEGINNINGS
24. NEW CENTER
25. NORTHSIDE
26. PEACE
27. RICHARDSON
28. RIVERSIDE
29. SANDY GROVE
30. SHADY GROVE
31. SUGGS GROVE
32. TAR HEEL
33. WEST BLADENBORO
34. WHITE LAKE
35. WHITE OAK
36. WHITES CREEK
37. ZION HILL

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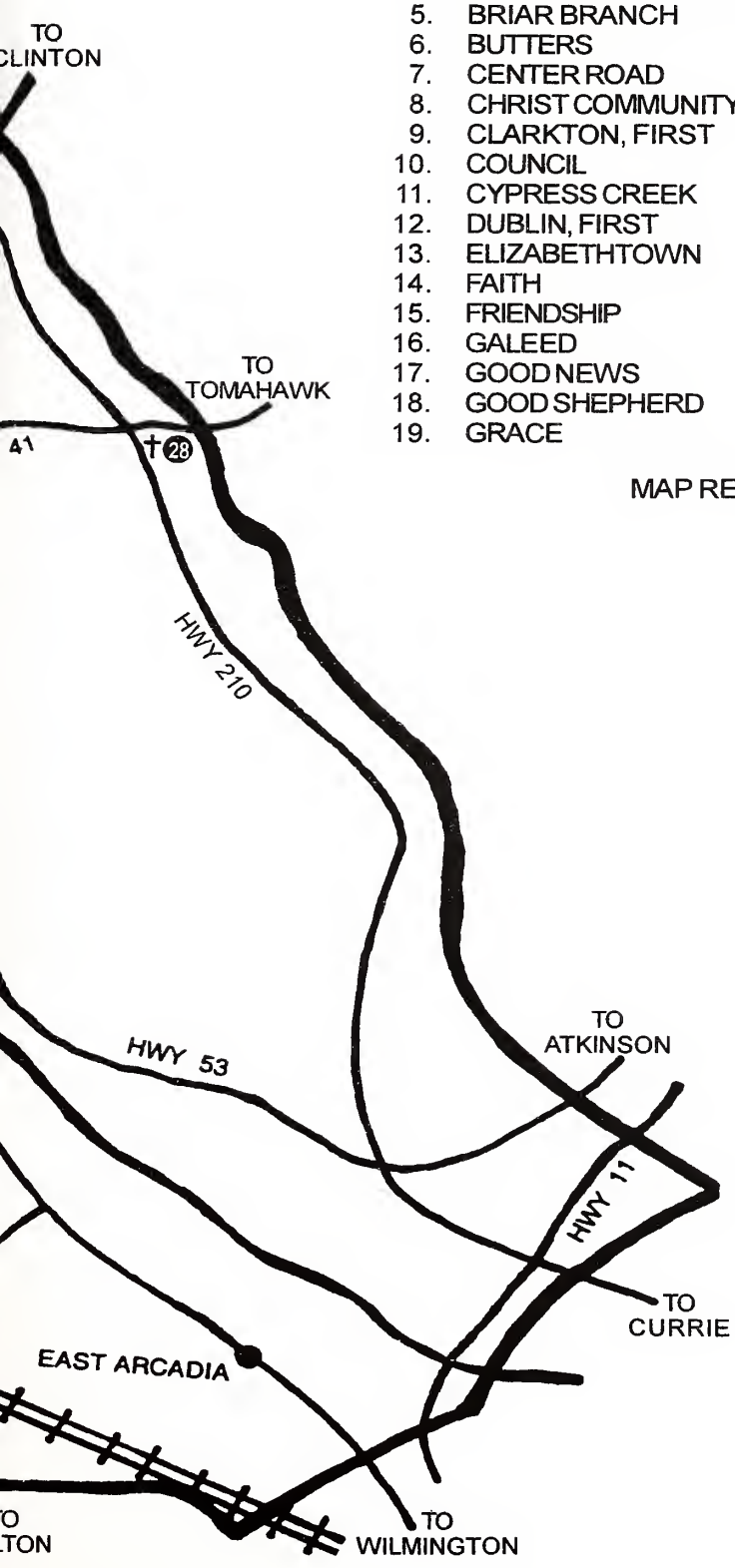


Ordination Council Report 2007

The Ordination Council of the Bladen Baptist Association stands ready to assist churches in questions and recommending any member of the local congregation for ordination who has give evidence of being called of God to the Gospel Ministry, has been licensed by their church and called to a pastoral position.

Members of the committee during the year of 2006 include: Rev. Boyd Britt, Chairman, Rev. Cameron McGill, Mr. Lynn Johnson, Rev. Greg Packer, Rev. Vernon Britt, Rev. Bruce E. Cannon, Director of Missions.

The Council was asked by Higher Plains Cowboy Church of Bladenboro during the present year to questions Mr. Charles Beck and make recommendation back to them. Members of the committee present questioned Brother Charles on a variety of topics including his salvation experience, call to ministry, belief in the traditional doctrines Baptists hold dear and were very satisfied with his answers.

The Ordination Council made recommendation back to Higher Plains Cowboy Church of Bladenboro to proceed with ordaining Brother Charles into the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Boyd Britt
On behalf of Ordaining Council

Associational Music Report
2006

I would like to thank the Bladen Baptist Association for allowing me to serve as the Associational Music Director for the past few years. As some of you may now know, I accepted the call as Minister of Music at West Lumberton Baptist Church in April 2006. It has been great getting to know the music directors of the Bladen Baptist churches. This past year gave us an opportunity to explore some new ideas about providing training for director and choirs. Let me encourage you to continue seeking new resources so that your music ministries in your churches can continue to grow. Choir members and music directors don't just take up time in the service. You are all ministers! You share the gospel of Jesus Christ through song! Keep "making a joyful noise" for the Lord! Thank you again for allowing me to serve you and I pray that God will continue to bless you all!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Jason Atkinson

Missions Development/Leisure Ministry Report
2006

I don't know how God is able to do all He does, but I do know that I am so thankful for all the people who work so hard to make each year such a success. I know of one little girl who was saved at the lake this year, and I know that there are those that we don't know about. People have there marriages put back together and there families healed. So many times it's the little things that you do that makes such a difference in the life of others. Pray and ask God if He would have you to come and work with us in reaching the lost at White Lake, and all over Bladen County. Again, let me say "thank you" for all you do and may God Bless you with His Love and Peace.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Walter Hayes

WHITE LAKE LEISURE MINISTRY
SUMMER 2006

CAMPSITES	NUMBER OF SERVICES	ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS
HAROLDS	14	224	16	$ 217.19
LANGSTON	14	379	27	695.75
MARSHBURN	11	62	6	131.11
TAR HEEL	14	125	9	456.00
TOTALS	53	790	15	$1,500.05

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE WORKERS THIS SUMMER. KEITH DOWD, RAY BLEDSOLE , JOHN DENSON AND STEVE YARBROUGH,DONATED THEIR TIME AND MILEAGE TO THE MINISTRY.

EXPENDITURES

HOSPICE TOURNAMENT	$ 51.00	SINGLETARY'S (PORTA JOHN)	256.80
THE FRONT PORCH (MEAL)	102.50	KENNETH REGISTER (SINGER)	150.00
THE BARN (MEAL)	126.41	BLOOD CONNECTED (SINGER)	150.00
BRADLEY BUTLER (MILEAGE)	400.00	SPIRIT BORNE (SINGER)	150.00
WALTER HAYES (MILEAGE)	640.80	MIKE WAINWRIGHT (SINGER)	150.00
SIGNLOGIC(SHIRTS & PLAQUES)	414.14	TR REED & THE BOYS(SINGER)	150.00
TRACTS	829.00	BALDWIN BRANCH (SINGER)	150.00
WGQR (ADVERTISING)	1,000.00	CROSS TIES (SINGER)	150.00
DAVID FAIRCLOTH (SOUND)	500.00	BARNES BROTHERS (SINGER)	150.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,520.65		

OCTOBER 1,2005 BALANCE	$ 5,269.05	OCT. 1,2005 BAL ON CD	$4,637.50
OFFERINGS	1,500.05	INTEREST ON CD	135.74
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION	1,125.00	TOTAL ON CD	4,773.24
GOSPEL CONCERT	1,200.00	TRANSFER TO CHECKING	1,000.00
DONATION	200.00		
TRANSFERRED FROM CD	1,000.00	BALANCE ON CD	$ 3,773.24
TOTAL CASH TO DATE	10,294.10		
LISTED EXPENDITURES	5,520.65		
SEPTEMBER 30.2006 BALANCE	$ 4,773.45		

Respectfully Submitted
By Joyce H. Thomas

"HISTORICAL EVENTS" 2006

Beards Chapel: Honored Ralph Carter, Sr. as Deacon Emeritus. Gene Smith served with mission group to Honduras. Resignation of Pastor Bobby Trott after six years at Beards Chapel

Bethel : New Heating and Air Conditioning Installed. New Sound system and Video Recorder. Started "Team Kids" Ministry on Wednesday's for youth.

Bladenboro First : Visioning Team began meeting in October 2005, to assist in leading the church forward. Mission Team went to Belize in November 2005, assisted in school/church construction. 284 Samaritan's Purse boxes shipped, 207 packed by the Swaim King S. S. Class. Dedicated handicapped elevator lift in memory of Edward B. & Annie Mae G. Lewis, 4/2006. Mission Team went to Gulfport, Mar., 2006, to help rebuild homes for Hur. Katrina victims.

Briar Branch : We do not have a true WMU or Baptist Men's Group but we do have a missions group. This year we were able through our missions to repaint and redecorate our Fellowship Hall and start on our classrooms.

Butters: Paid off all Church debt and established a building fund for further Church expansion.

Center Road: Sanctuary Remodeled.

Council: Put a new steeple on the Church. Paved a parking strip. Replaced the Gas Pac. Participated in the Shoe Box Ministry. Sent monthly donations to the Pregnancy Center and Baptist Children's Homes.

Galeed : Youth World Changers. College & Career World Changers - Charleston, SC.

Good News: Purchased 10 acres of land to build new building. In process of laying foundation.

Hickory Grove: Ordained New Deacon: Bradley Tatum

Love Grove: Replaced carpet on front porch of fellowship hall. Installed handrails at front & back of fellowship hall. Installed gate at base of handicap ramp. Added handicap parking. Purchased freezer for fellowship hall. Cleared land for church cemetery.

New Beginnings : Rev. Steve Butler resigned due to health reasons.

Northside : Formed a new WMU Group for Senior Ladies. Expanded Two Classrooms. Replaced carpet in Fellowship Hall with laminate flooring. Supported several local missions projects, also participated in Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes and Christmas in August. Presented an Easter Drama entitled, "The Interactive Passion," which will continue annually. Was featured in Biblical Recorder for this.

Richardson : Sunday Morning visitation mission started. Men's Ministry started. WMU started. Children's Church started. R.A.'s started. Nursing home visitation ministry started. Mission Trip to mountains. Youth Retreat. Puppet Mission. Helped with Youth Blast.

Sandy Grove : Began the following ministries: Higher Plains Cowboy Church, Bladenboro, NC. Waccamaw Cowboy Church, Lake Waccamaw, NC.

Whites Creek : Started two age groups of "Team Kids" on Sunday nights. Started three age groups of "Awanas" on Wednesday nights.

The historical events are taken from the "Congregational Profiles".

As in the years since our Centennial Celebration in 1992, when a brief history of all the churches in the Association were complied into a book entitled "A Pictorial Directory of the Churches of the Bladen Baptist Association," we have been profiling two churches taken from this book each year. This year in the "Book of Reports" Friendship Baptist Church is profiled on the inside front cover and New Center Baptist Church on the back cover.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ethelene Barnes, Historian

Report for 2006 Book of Reports

Office of GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.

During the past year significant strides have been made to provide the very best service to employees of our churches and agencies who are active participants in the retirement plan, jointly administered by GuideStone Financial Resources, SBC, and the Baptist Convention of NC, Inc., and to those who have purchased insurance products from GuideStone. Through a contractual agreement with Morningstar Associates, LLC, a registered investment advisor, retirement participants now have access online to a leading innovator in offering retirement advice. Specifically, Morningstar Retirement Manager offers objective, expert recommendations and resources to help participants make clear decisions about their retirement plans. Never before have we been able to offer this incredible service at no cost to our retirement participants.

In the life and health areas enhancements continue to be made to provide additional flexibility in plan options, deductibles and competitive rates. Taking advantage of significant discounts through Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, medical plan rates have been stabilized. While over 40% of personal plan participants received a decrease in rates in 2005, over 57% of personal plan medical participants received a decrease in rates for 2006. Additionally, the two Medicare supplement plans offered to retirees also received rate decreases in 2006. The 31 day open enrollment period for new students in our divinity schools, Bible institute, and seminary continues to be an attractive option for that target group.

During the past year the importance of the protection benefits (disability and survivor), which come free to those who are active participants in the Church Retirement Plan and who are serving an eligible church, was magnified with 100 participants receiving disability protection benefits and 40 families receiving survivor benefits because of that many deaths among our church employees. One widow, whose pastor/husband in his early 50's suffered a stroke and died within ten days, received a survivor benefit check in the amount of $50,000 in addition to the money in his retirement account. The survivor check of $50,000 came quickly (also tax free) and proved to be a "life saver" to this widow. As in previous years, the great challenge is to educate our church employees and key lay leaders in our churches about these great benefits **provided at no cost** to those church employees who meet the eligibility requirements.

Furthermore, we gladly cooperate with the Endowment ministry at GuideStone to provide ongoing and one-time financial assistance to retired ministers and widows of ministers who are living in poverty. As of June 30, we have 222 North Carolinians, who have met the very strict guidelines, receiving financial assistance from GuideStone Financial Resources. Unfortunately, others could be assisted if we only knew who they were.

In conclusion, it is our strong desire to increase the level of retirement participation and to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information/products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 320 or 321, visit our Web site at www.northcarolinabaptists.org, call GuideStone at 1.888.984.8433, or visit the GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Johnny E. Ross
GuideStone State Representative

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

(July 2005-July 2006)

Many Voices, One Story. . .North Carolina Baptists attending the Baptist State Convention Tuesday evening, November 15, 2005, sat as the lights in the Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem dimmed. Messengers and guests arrived anticipating the night's report from Baptist Children's Homes (BCH). Every five years, the Institution presents a 30-minute expanded report, which many people view as the highlight of the convention.

The crowd present this night leaned forward as the first child stepped to the microphone to tell her story. Children and residents representing BCH's four campuses, wilderness camping program, group homes and developmental disabilities ministry filled the stage area. The 2005 meeting was BCH's opportunity to share the ministry through children's testimonies and songs while highlighting the Institution's 120th anniversary.

BCH president Michael C. Blackwell enthusiastically addressed the group declaring, "We are uniquely, proudly, passionately, and incurably a part of the North Carolina Baptist family."

To close the presentation, Broyhill Home resident Jennifer and developmental disabilities resident Marcie sang "Jesus Loves Me."

"These are God's miracle children...," Blackwell said. "I want you to see in those eyes the eyes of our God who loves children."

But the true pinnacle of the evening for one special child occurred away from the eyes of messengers.

"We were all saying goodbye when I looked down and saw Jennifer crying," said Lou Arnsdorff, Jennifer's child care worker. (Jennifer had just sung on stage.)

A tearful Jennifer told Arnsdorff, "I just want to ask Jesus into my heart." In a crowded hallway outside the auditorium, Jennifer accepted Christ as her Savior.

Show you love. . .This year's Baptist Children's Homes' offering theme, "Show You Love," represents the pivotal role individuals and churches play in the lives of hurting children.

North Carolina Baptists show their love through their prayer and financial support. It is only through this commitment that BCH can continue to make a difference. This year's statewide offering goal is $1,375,000. This represents a $25,000 increase from last year. Challenge your church to participate in the 2006 Offering Campaign.

Biography Unveiled. . .The biography of BCH president Michael C. Blackwell was published and officially unveiled to the public in April. ***Just Call Me Mickey: From Mill Village to Mills Home, The Journey of Michael C. Blackwell*** was written by the late Wint Capel, former editor of the *Thomasville Times*. The book chronicles Blackwell's life from his humble beginnings as a boy living in the mill village town of Gastonia to

becoming president of one of the largest private children's homes in the southeast United States.

New PMG members named. . . Baptist Children's Homes president Michael C. Blackwell announced several key administrative appointments in June. Nancy McNeill was named BCH's Executive Vice President (EVP) of Operations overseeing the statewide Institution's day-to-day operations. Jim Edminson was appointed as BCH's Institutional Director for Communications directing the agency's statewide communications. Shane Nixon has been named BCH's Institutional Director of Information Services directing BCH's technology services and broadening his role of service. McNeill, Edminson and Nixon will serve on Blackwell's President's Management Group (PMG).

Former resident, BCH child care worker, and administrative office manager Jennifer Shore was appointed Executive Assistant to the President and longtime staff member Ron Richardson was named Manager, Institutional Support Services.

Dedicated to the Glory of God. . . Baptist Children's Homes set its sights towards the future expanding its services to children and families.

- The Alverta Bolick Home in Asheville was dedicated in May. The facility is home to developmentally disabled adults in the Asheville area.
- The campaign to build two similar facilities for special needs adults in the Sanford community began in August 2005.
- A state-of-the-art education center in Kinston was dedicated in July. The new Reverend Kenneth E. Haigler & William "Bill" Overcash Education Center offers an on-campus school to residents at BCH's Kennedy Home.
- The Winifred Lindsay and Three Forks Homes for developmentally disabled adults were dedicated August 27 in Boone.
- Groundbreaking for DDM homes in Sanford and Asheboro will take place September 10 and October 14 respectively.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC.
2005 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

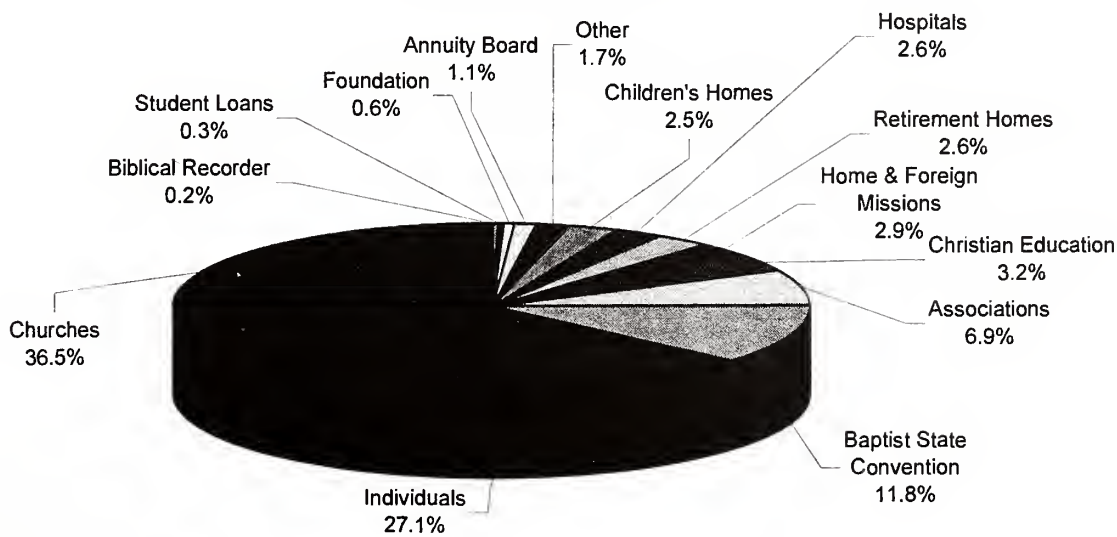
During 2005, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 49 endowment funds and 12 charitable remainder trusts totaling $1.8 million and received $7.1 million in contributions to existing endowments all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship, and church fund management. Over $1.5 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $10.6 million in contributions during 2005 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2005, the Foundation held $136.1 million under management.

During 2005, our distributions totaled $7.8 million, with charity receiving $5.7 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.1 million. During the 85-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $29.1 million has been distributed to individuals and $53.3 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $82.4 million.

Nancy V. Hunter, Chair, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc.
2005 Distributions



2006 Report to the Associations
North Carolina Baptist Hospital

"Touching Lives With Hope"

BAPTIST HOSPITAL AND NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS: A SHARED MISSION OF SERVICE

Since 1923, when the first patient was admitted to Baptist Hospital, our mission has been to extend the healing ministry of Christ. We are strongly committed to excellence in caring for our patients. Every day for every patient, we seek to combine the latest science of modern medicine with the art of human compassion in the name of Christ's love. Our mission, consistent with our Baptist heritage, is a sacred privilege: *"to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God."*

HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Medical Care Among the Nation's Best

- We continue to be ranked among the ***top 50 hospitals in America*** by *U.S News and World Report.*
- Our ***Comprehensive Cancer Center is ranked among the top centers*** in the nation for cancer care.
- Our ***Heart Center is designated a Cardiac Center of Excellence*** by Blue Cross Blue Shield of N.C.
- Our ***neurosurgeons are among the nation's leaders*** in developing treatments for diseases affecting the brain and spine.
- Our ***Neonatal and Pediatric Intensive Care Units*** provide the highest level of specialized care.
- We are in the ***top 2 percent in patient satisfaction*** among our peers in the United States.

Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with a physician, or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH ON-CALL® at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255.

THE SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE: EXTENDING THE MINISTRY OF CHURCHES

We are privileged to be partners in ministry with North Carolina Baptists. Through the support of cooperative giving, we are able to provide compassionate and life-changing ministry to thousands of hurting people every year. We are grateful to be on mission for N.C. Baptists, fulfilling our purpose – ***"to provide ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ."*** All of our ministries find their focus and heart in this mission.

Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers extend the mission of churches through pastoral counseling ministries to people whose lives have been shattered by emotional pain.

- 25,000 client visits will be made in 2006, with ministers being the largest referral source.
- Our statewide network of 20 CareNet centers across N.C. is among the largest in the nation.
- Thanks to N.C. Baptists, no one is turned away for lack of resources.
- ***"We could never say thank you enough to CareNet for helping our daughter find healing from the darkness of depression."*** - N.C. Baptist pastor

The Center for Congregational Health is strengthening the ministry of churches through highly skilled, Christ-centered consultation services and leadership development programs.

- Consultants help nearly 25 churches per month with strategic planning, team development and reconciliation ministries.

2006 Report to the Associations - North Carolina Baptist Hospital

- 400 ministers and church leaders per year receive expert leadership training.
- Interim ministry training has been provided to over 1,800 clergy, with 82% of churches reporting improved spiritual health after their service.
- *"Our church has a greater sense of hope, direction, and confidence thanks to our interim minister from the Center for Congregational Health."*

The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education Department is providing compassionate ministry to our patients, families and staff and life-changing training for clergy.

- 56,396 ministry contacts were made in FY 2005, an increase of 13%.
- 42 ministers and seminary students completed our Clinical Pastoral Education training programs in 2005, one of the largest accredited centers in America.
- Our chaplains will lead 260 worship services at the Medical Center in 2006.
- *"The training at Baptist Hospital put life back into my faith."* – Baptist minister

THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: EXTENDING CARE TO THE "LEAST OF THESE"

Thanks to the compassion and generosity of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering **reached a record high of $664,744 in 2005**! Every dollar of every gift lifts the anxious burden of hospital bills for our patients in serious financial need. Having no where to turn for help, Christ reaches out to them through you. Their lives are changed by the power of gratitude.

"I could never say thank you enough for the help of the Mother's Day Offering. I've faced some hard times and was so worried about my hospital bill. This gift blessed me so much and strengthened my walk with Christ."

"I was so overwhelmed by this gift that I couldn't help but cry tears of joy. I never thought I'd be in a situation like this, needing help and not knowing where to turn. I praise God for people who reach out to help. Please thank them with all my heart."

"The Minister's Subsidy was a tremendous blessing to our family." – NC Baptist minister

N.C. Baptist ministers and their families benefit from a subsidy of up to 25% on hospital bills for care they receive at Baptist Hospital. The subsidy is provided by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund with help from the Mother's Day Offering as needed. $76,875 was provided in FY 2006.

CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Serving our patients and their families, providing them with medical expertise marked by excellence and compassion, is a sacred trust. We are committed to being the best among the best of health care providers. We are sincerely grateful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partners in this mission of Christ's healing love.

Respectfully submitted,

Len B. Preslar, Jr.
President
North Carolina Baptist Hospital

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL 1922

BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES
OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED

PROUDLY SERVING OLDER ADULTS SINCE 1951

"Praise the Lord ... forget not all of His benefits ... crowns thee with love and compassion ... knows our frame ... mercy is everlasting to everlasting," Psalm 103.

"Praise the Lord ..." Sunday after Sunday for over seventy years a high percentage of our residents have sung, "Praise God from Whom all blessings flow..." Because of your generosity the hymn of gratitude they learned in their youth continues to ring in their hearts.

"... forget not all his benefits" God uses His people to provide beautiful, secure, comfortable places to live where physical, mental and spiritual needs are met with quality care.

"...crowns with love and compassion" He sends those with a heart for service to give themselves in ministry to His aging saints with love, compassion, and respect.

" mercy is from everlasting to everlasting." The generosity of North Carolina Baptists assures care for a lifetime while the ministry of the four Baptist pastors who serve as chaplains gives assurance of the "everlasting arms."

Thank you for your partnership with Baptist Retirement Homes in helping Psalm 103 resound as the song of praise for over 700 Older Adults statewide. More than 40% of these Aging Saints have at least a portion of their care made possible by gifts that come from Baptist churches across North Carolina.

Brookridge Retirement Community
1199 Hayes Forest Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
(336) 759-1044

Hamilton Baptist Home
301 Railroad Street
Hamilton, NC 27840
(252) 798-5901

The Taylor House
319 Palmer Street
Albemarle, NC 28001
(704) 982-4217

Western North Carolina Baptist Home
213 Richmond Hill Drive
Asheville, NC 28806
(828) 254-9675

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Biblical Recorder

2006 Associational Report

The *Biblical Recorder* is now in its 173rd year of service to Baptists in North Carolina, a ministry that now extends around the world. The *Recorder*'s mission is "to further Christ's kindom among North Carolina Baptists by providing relevant news, insightful opinions and supportive resources in a timely and accessible fashion."

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833 and has served since that time as the official news journal of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, even though it was privately owned and operated until 1939, when it became a convention agency. As it has from the beginning, the *Recorder* relates to the full spectrum of BSC churches, and reports on matters of interest to them.

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Christian Action League 2006 Annual Report

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The Christian Action League of North Carolina is a Christian public policy organization that addresses public policy and legislative issues from a Christian worldview. The Christian Action League has a full-time presence in the General Assembly of North Carolina and has garnered considerable respect from both the Republican and Democratic parties. The League's purpose is to assist the church in fulfilling Christ's command to be the "salt" and the "light" of the earth. The following report contains ministry highlights for 2006:

Advancing Kingdom Principles

- CAL continues to provide critical information regarding social and moral issues via its interactive website www.christianactionleague.org
  Each week CAL publishes a ***Weekly Email Issues Alert.***
- To promote Christian values in the home, church and the work place, CAL offers two beautiful prints of **The Ten Commandments** and **God's Covenant with America**. For a small donation, these prints can either be secured separately or together, simply as a print or framed.
- Rev. Mark H. Creech, Executive Director of the CAL, has advanced Christian principles throughout North Carolina and the nation in numerous speaking engagements that included denominational meetings, church worship services, political rallies, revival meetings, legislative chapel services, press conferences, conventions and seminars.

Lobbying Activity in the General Assembly

Listed below are matters that pertain to legislative successes supported by CAL in the 2006 Short Session of the General Assembly.

- Whenever an urgent legislative issue arises in the General Assembly of North Carolina, CAL typically responds by sending out an ***Urgent Action Alert.***
- The most notable legislative success in 2006 was the General Assembly's passage of ***SB-912-Phase Out Video Poker/Except by Compact*** - a bill to ban video poker in the state.
- CAL was also successful in helping get through ***SB 700 – Flag/Pledge of Allegiance in Schools*** - legislation that would require the display of the United States Flag and the North Carolina Flag in public school classrooms and require recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance on a daily basis
- This year CAL supported an overhaul of the State's DWI laws that included limiting judges' latitude in deciding cases. The bill, ***HB 1048 – Governor's DWI Task Force Recommendations,*** guarantees drivers who register a 0.08 blood alcohol level will be found guilty, regardless of whether they show signs of impairment.
- CAL spent considerable time trying to defeat certain provisions in ***HB – 1025 Various ABC Law Changes.***
  campuses.
- CAL supported the General Assembly's passage of ***SB 1311 – No Alcohol on Polk County Rivers.***
- CAL supported the successful passage of ***HB 1311 – Designate General Assembly Buildings Nonsmoking*** by the General Assembly.
- CAL supported the successful passage of ***SB 1833 – Disorderly Conduct/Funeral /Military Services*** that was aimed at protecting families from protest at military funerals.

Legislative Failures

Usually, the Annual Report of CAL does not mention legislative failures. Nevertheless, some of the bills CAL supported that failed this year were of such significance they are worthy of reporting on. It is critical in future sessions of the General Assembly these measures be heard and approved.

- This year the General Assembly approved ***HB 1965 – Eminent Domain Restrictions.*** The legislation was a response to the *Kelo v. City of New London* decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, which upheld the authority of cities to seize private property for economic development.
- It was a matter of considerable disappointment for CAL and other pro-family advocates that for a third year in a row, both the State House and Senate refused to consider legislation calling for an amendment to North Carolina's Constitution defining marriage as the union of one man and one woman. (Example: ***SB 1228- Defense of Marriage***)

- Both the House and Senate leadership have also steadfastly refused to allow for the hearing of any pro-life bills.

Possible Critical Legislation Forthcoming

The following is purely conjecture based on CAL's lobbying experience. There is some concern, nonetheless, that critical legislation may be coming down the pike next session that would necessitate serious grassroots advocacy and resources to defeat. That legislation could include:

- **Legislation to end local option alcohol referenda.** Local option alcohol referenda is the means by which cities, towns, counties and some rural sections of counties may decide their own destiny for alcohol sales by the ballot box. Local option has been amended so often, however, with special provisions, many lawmakers now contend North Carolina needs a more uniform approach to alcohol sales. The approach they suggest is ending local option by simply wetting the entire state. But this would be a serious blow to controlling alcohol consumption levels in North Carolina.

- **Legislation to repeal the ban on Sunday Hunting.** For the last four years, the Christian Action League has been successful in staving off forces that want to repeal North Carolina's 137 year-old Sunday hunting ban. Some hunters, however, have mounted an effort to lift the ban. The State *Wildlife Resources Commission* has issued a study on the matter and will report a recommendation to the General Assembly next session. CAL believes that repealing the ban would endanger rural churches, as well as recreational family activities on Sunday to rifle fire.

Local Option Alcohol Referenda

This year CAL sought to assist communities in defeating alcohol referendums in Jefferson, Franklin, Yadkinville and Jonesville, North Carolina. Unfortunately, only Jonesville prevailed.

For a Better North Carolina,

Reverend Mark H. Creech
Executive Director

Reverend Coy Privette
President

Council on Christian Higher Education
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina
Report to Associations
2006

Appreciate the Past, Celebrate the Present, Anticipate the Future

Across the years Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, and Wingate Universities and Mars Hill College have emphasized that all Christians are called to ministry whatever their vocation. Each of the schools has in the past and continues to assist students in understanding how they can live out their calling and faith in the world.

Each of the schools also places a high priority on educating persons for vocational ministry and missions. In 2005 there were 495 Ministerial Students in our North Carolina Baptist universities and college.

Thanks to your support for Christian Higher Education the Baptist State Convention provided financial aid to 551 North Carolina Baptist students in the amount of $1,176,551 in 2005. These students received an average of $2,135.

Without your assistance many of these deserving students would not have been able to attend a Baptist college or university. Thank you Campbell, Chowan, Gardner-Webb, Mars Hill and Wingate for providing education with a Christian mission. And thank you Baptist churches for supporting North Carolina Baptist students. Together you are honoring your heritage as you impact the world for good and for God.

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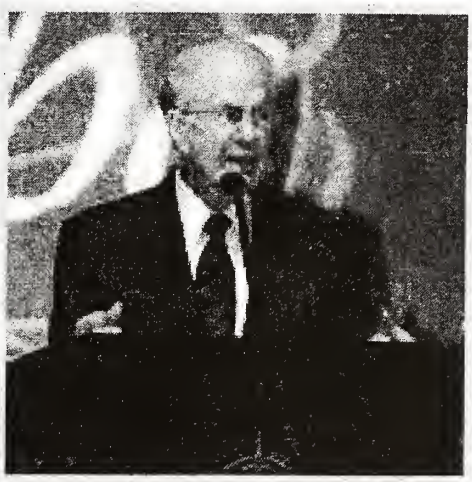
NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD UNQUESTIONABLY FOCUSED ON MISSIONS

2006 ANNUAL REPORT

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Roy Fish has talked extensively with employees at the North American Mission Board, and as the entity's interim president he voiced his impressions Sept. 19 to the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee. "I tell you I am tremendously impressed by what I find," Fish said during the EC's meeting in Nashville, Tenn. "I find a people who are focused. Our agency has been assigned a task by the Southern Baptist Convention, and I find that the people who work at NAMB are tremendously cognizant of what that task is, and they're deeply committed to the fulfillment of it."



"We believe that the God who assigns us the task is bigger than the task itself," Roy Fish, interim president of the North American Mission Board, tells Executive Committee members. Photo by Morris Abernathy

Fish, distinguished professor of evangelism at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, said employees at NAMB's Atlanta-area offices are "unquestionably focused" on sharing the Gospel with people across North America and on beginning new churches, averaging 33 a week last year.

"You look at it sometimes and it almost appears to be impossible," Fish said of the challenges. "But I've discovered that the commitment at the board is up to the task, and I find that we are going about our work with a passion that I don't know that I've ever seen in a group of people that work in a denominational agency before."

A spirit of optimism also is evident at NAMB, Fish continued.

"I know we face a task that is extremely formidable, but we believe that the God who assigns us the task is bigger than the task itself," he said.

What has impressed him most in his brief time leading NAMB, Fish said, is that employees are aware that "even the best human effort cannot accomplish what ought to be accomplished. There's a dependence on the Holy Spirit and a look to Him as the provider of that which we need in our weaknesses, giving us His strength.

"We think we've been assigned a task which on paper appears to be almost impossible, but we believe that which is apparently impossible can be achieved by the promised presence of the supernatural," Fish said.

NAMB employees are particularly creative and innovative, Fish recounted, and they're "not afraid to color outside of the lines."

"They're willing to run some risks," he said. "I assure you that with changes all around us we have no intention of tampering with the ageless message of Jesus Christ. The message does not change. But we're aware of the fact that we're living in a new century. We're aware of the fact that we're witnessing to the people of this age and not their great-grandfathers."

Despite the changes going on at NAMB following the resignation of a president earlier this year, Fish said the board is anchored.

"No, not anchored as far as being idle in the port, but we are anchored to Jesus Christ," Fish said. "We are anchored to an inerrant Bible. We want you to know too that we are geared to the 21st century of which we're a part."

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD'S
2005 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

Global Summary Church Growth Indicator	2005
Churches	108,713
New Churches	17,676
Total Outreach Groups	50,637
New Outreach Groups	8,729
Baptism	459,725
Church Membership	7,337,135
Participants in Church Bible Teaching	3,887,001
New Believers in Discipleship Training	477,670
Church Members in Discipleship Training	970,924
Non-Residential Leadership Training	128,010
Residential Leadership Training	21,899
Baptist Partner Home Missionaries	3,650
Baptist Partner International Missionaries	1,712

The International Mission Board's Annual Statistical Report (ASR) contains the most accurate information for the stated reporting period available at the time of publication.

After publication, the board's Global Research Department continues to process both new and revised reports as field personnel continually strive to provide the most accurate picture of the board's work and influence during the given reporting period. Regional offices may submit new or revised reports for a variety of reasons: typographical errors in the original report, newly received or corrected information from Baptist Partners, clarification of reporting categories, etc.

After publication of the ASR, all analyses utilize the most current data for the reporting period available at that time (including all new and revised reports submitted since the ASR's publication). Thus, subsequent ASRs will reflect corrected data and may differ from previously published reports.

Please note the year is the report year. The data would actually come from the prior year.

For current data regarding a given reporting period, including the latest revisions, contact the Global Research Information Center (GRIC@imb.org).

In Memorial

Deceased Listing for Bladen Association

Abbottsburg
Mrs. Ruby Owen
Mr. Purdie Bullard, Deacon

Bethel
Mr. Elwood Durham King
Mr. William Ashley Carroll
Ms. Sarah Margaret Taylor
Mr. Daniel Long
Mrs. Louise Warrick Bryan

Bladenboro First Baptist
Mrs. Lynn Hester
Mrs. Louise Hester
Mrs. Ann Sloan
Mr. Levie C. Bridger, Jr.
Mr. Dewey Guyton
Mrs. Sarah Britt
Mr. Charles Allen, Sr.
Mr. Robert Packer

Center Road
Mrs. Judy Bryan
Mr. Haywood Guyton
Mrs. Maxine Lindsay
Mr. Downy Taylor

Council
Mrs. Nettie Moore

Dublin First Baptist
Mr. Grady Leon Butler
Mrs. Althea Brisson
Mr. Billy McDaniel
Mr. J. A. Grimes
Mrs. Annie Louise Grimes

Elizabethtown
Mr. Houston Brisson
Mrs. Kathleen Hester
Mrs. Peggy Gooden
Mrs. Virginia Allen
Mrs. Peggy Gillespie
Mr. Raymond Nunnery

First Baptist Church, Clarkton
Mrs. Melba Ann Hood Hester
Mrs. Jean Jordan

Mrs. Sue Warwick Priest

Galeed
Mrs. Mary Davis
Mr. James Malcolm Frink
Mrs. Ruby McKee
Mr. Floyd Pait
Mrs. Lena Jane Smith

Good Shepherd
Baby Lopez
Baby Guzman

Hickory Grove
Mr. Franklin Allen
Mrs. Ernestine Davis

Lisbon
Mr. Morris Lanier
Ms. Nancy Jo Clark

Love Grove
Mrs. Mildred W. Martin
Mrs. Jeanette O. Nance

Northside
Mr. David Atkinson
Mrs. Mary Downing
Mr. Dewey Dove

Richardson
Mrs. Louise Britt
Mr. Daniel Long
Mr. Jimmy Sessoms

Riverside
Mr. Murray Bordeaux
Mrs. Jeanette Bordeaux
Mr. James Lewis
Mrs. Lila Sutton
Mr. Clarence Lewis

Shady Grove
Mrs. Mamie Thompson

Tar Heel
Mr. Charles Paul
Mr. Jack Lynn Singletary
Mr. Nymphus Singletary

White Oak
Mrs. Mabel B. Burney

Whites Creek
Mr. Clayton Cribb

Zion Hill
Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Nipper
Mrs. Eva Mae Singletary

Bladen Baptist Association TREASURER - David Clark
GIFTS FOR Budget
YEAR ENDING December **2006**

		YEAR-TO-DATE
Abbottsburg		1,996.25
Beard's Chapel		1,000.00
Bethel		2,700.00
Bladenboro, First		9,700.00
Briar Branch		500.00
Butters		2,400.00
Center Road		1,504.71
Christ Community		900.00
Clarkton, First		5,708.93
Council		1,100.00
Cypress Creek		1,458.89
Dublin, First		12,000.00
Elizabethtown		9,100.00
Faith		926.50
Friendship		1,548.65
Galeed		7,500.00
Good News		0.00
Good Shepherd		0.00
Grace		685.56
Hickory Grove		2,175.00
Lisbon		1,500.81
Love Grove		1,550.00
New Beginnings		0.00
New Center		1,500.00
Northside		2,273.04
Peace		0.00
Richardson		800.00
Riverside		0.00
Sandy Grove		4,350.00
Shady Grove		4,200.00
Suggs Grove		2,400.00
Tar Heel		10,061.67
West Bladenboro		2,000.00
White Lake		3,697.38
White Oak		1,800.00
Whites Creek		1,760.58
Zion Hill		4,000.00
TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS		104,797.97
WMU Thrift Shop		1,200.00
NC Bapt. State Conv.		952.84
NC Sales Tax Refund		894.73
Seminary Extension		0.00
Miscellaneous		1,048.62
Annuals		0.00
Disaster Recovery		0.00
Basketball League		0.00
Higher Plain Cowboy		202.58
		109,096.74
BUDGET GIFTS TO DATE	109,096.74	
BUDGET NEED TO DATE	104,657.07	
AHEAD OF BUDGET GOAL	4,439.67	

Bladen Baptist Association — TREASURER - David Clark

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR: **YEAR ENDING 2006**

BUDGET ITEM	AMOUNT	EXPENSES	YR - DATE	ITEM BAL
100 EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MINISTRIES				
101 Sunday School	1,000.00		370.70	629.30
102 Discipleship Trng.	600.00		477.25	122.75
103 Brotherhood	1,000.00		850.47	149.53
104 W.M.U.	1,200.00		790.69	409.31
105 Missions Development	300.00		0.00	300.00
106 Music	300.00		0.00	300.00
107 Evangelism	1,500.00		440.00	1,060.00
108 Pastoral Care	500.00		330.10	169.90
109 Audio Visual (Media)	400.00		0.00	400.00
110 Associational Admin.	300.00		240.00	60.00
111 Seminary Extension	300.00		25.00	275.00
112 Special Training	350.00		125.00	225.00
113 Local Missions	600.00		600.00	0.00
114 Youth Ministry	800.00		854.90	-54.90
115 DisVan.Repairs,Etc.	4,500.00		2,728.85	1,771.15
200 ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES				
201 Postage	1,500.00		1,412.54	87.46
202 Office Supplies	3,000.00		2,895.56	104.44
203 Office Equip & Maint	1,900.00		2,033.58	-133.58
204 Utilities	4,000.00		3,901.02	98.98
205 Building & Grounds	2,000.00		650.45	1,349.55
206 Insurance/Buildings	2,125.00		1,766.00	359.00
207 Books & Literature	300.00		0.00	300.00
208 DOM Ser.Car/Travel	4,000.00		4,000.00	0.00
209 Conv.& Assemb.-DOM	500.00		500.00	0.00
210 DOM Annuity(Retire)	3,276.00		3,276.00	0.00
211 F.I.C.A. (DOM)Reimb.	5,200.75		5,200.75	0.00
212 F.I.C.A. (Secretary)	1,268.02		1,293.93	-25.91
213 Housing/Util. DOM	12,500.00		12,500.00	0.00
214 Medical Spending DOM	1,000.00		979.49	20.51
215 Annuals/Bk.Reports	500.00		500.00	0.00
216 DOM/HealthDisability	8,661.16		8,661.16	0.00
300 SALARIES				
301 Director of Missions	20,436.68		20,436.68	0.00
302 Secretary	16,564.46		16,564.46	0.00
303 Clerk	1,075.00		1,075.00	0.00
400 MISCELLANEOUS				
401 Emergency	250.00		250.00	0.00
402 DOM/Sec.Christmas	750.00		750.00	0.00
403 Contingency	200.00		200.00	0.00
TOTALS	104,657.07		96,679.58	7,977.49

YEAR ACCOUNT SUMMARY

ACCOUNT	BAL	RECEIPTS	TOTAL CSH	EXPENSES	END BAL
Budget	144,936.19	109,096.74	254,032.93	96,679.58	157,353.35
Contingency Fund	4,254.12	0.00	4,254.12	0.00	4,254.12
Federal Taxes	0.00	549.00	549.00	549.00	0.00
F.I.C.A.	0.00	1,293.97	1,293.97	1,293.97	0.00
State Taxes	0.00	1,080.00	1,080.00	1,080.00	0.00
Annuals 02-03-04-05	715.29	700.00	1,415.29	989.96	425.33
Jesus "Videos"	1,719.40	0.00	1,719.40	0.00	1,719.40
Assoc. Basketball	60.28	10,495.00	10,555.28	10,300.00	255.28
Dis.Tools & Trailer	187.85	3,800.00	3,987.85	3,855.62	132.23
Honduras Missions	4,469.28	0.00	4,469.28	0.00	4,469.28
Handyman Ministries	8,160.70	575.00	8,735.70	2,769.80	5,965.90
Hispanic Bible Proj	402.00	400.00	802.00	650.00	152.00
World Changers	4,147.81	3,054.69	7,202.50	5,461.42	1,741.08
Hurricane Katrina	1,476.57	25.00	1,501.57	655.37	846.20
Leisure Ministry	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,125.00	375.00
Pastor's Fund	169.11	0.00	169.11	0.00	169.11
CowboyCh.Bladenboro	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
Refunds/BDG & Ins.	0.00	542.85	542.85	0.00	542.85
Special Missions	0.00	240.00	240.00	240.00	0.00
TOTALS	170,698.60	136,352.25	307,050.85	128,649.72	178,401.13

Bladen Baptist Association — TREASURER - David Clark

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR: **YEAR ENDING 2006**

CHURCHES	YEAR'S RECEIPTS
Abbottsburg	1,996.25
Beard's Chapel	1,036.00
Bethel	2,700.00
Bladenboro, First	10,960.00
Briar Branch	500.00
Butters	2,430.00
Center Road	1,654.71
Christ Community	900.00
Clarkton, First	6,338.93
Council	1,100.00
Cypress Creek	1,494.89
Dublin, First	12,018.00
Elizabethtown	9,112.00
Faith	1,076.50
Friendship	1,596.65
Galeed	7,536.00
Good News	0.00
Good Shepherd	234.85
Grace	697.56
Hickory Grove	2,175.00
Lisbon	1,750.81
Love Grove	1,562.00
New Beginnings	0.00
New Center	2,300.00
Northside	2,523.04
Peace	0.00
Richardson	824.00
Riverside	18.00
Sandy Grove	4,380.00
Shady Grove	4,514.69
Suggs Grove	2,400.00
Tar Heel	10,604.67
West Bladenboro	2,000.00
White Lake	3,715.38
White Oak	1,816.00
Whites Creek	1,772.58
Zion Hill	4,324.00
TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS	110,062.51
WMU Thrift Shop	1,200.00
NC Bapt. State Conv.	1,577.84
NC Sales Tax Refund	894.73
Seminary Extension	0.00
Miscellaneous	9,021.62
Annuals	0.00
Disaster Recovery	500.00
Basketball League	9,970.00
Higher Plain Cowboy	202.58
TOTAL INCOME	133,429.28

BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

		2006 BUDGET	2007 BUDGET
100 EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES			
101 Sunday School	$	1,000.00	1,000.00
102 Discipleship Training		600.00	600.00
103 Brotherhood		1,000.00	1, 000.00
104 WMU		1,200.00	1,200.00
105 Missions Development		300.00	300.00
106 Music		300.00	300.00
107 Evangelism		1,500.00	1,500.00
108 Pastoral Care		500.00	500.00
109 Audio Visual (Media)		400.00	400.00
110 Association Administration		300.00	300.00
111 Seminary Extension		300.00	300.00
112 Special Training		350.00	350.00
113 Local Missions		600.00	600.00
114 Youth Ministry		800.00	800.00
115 Disaster Trailer		4,500.00	3,000.00
TOTAL	**$**	**13,650.00**	**12,150.00**
200 ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES			
201 Postage	$	1,500.00	1,500.00
202 Office Supplies		3,000.00	3,000.00
203 Office Equipment & Maint.		1,900.00	1,900.00
204 Utilities		4,000.00	4,000.00
205 Building & Grounds Maint.		2,000.00	2,000.00
206 Insurance		2,125.00	2,125.00
207 Books & Literature		300.00	300.00
208 Services Min. Car, Travel-DOM		4,000.00	4,700.00
209 Convention & Assemblies-DOM		500.00	500.00
210 Annuity (Retirement) DOM		3,276.00	3,776.00
211 SS (Reimbursement) DOM		5,200.75	5,200.75
212 Social Security - Secretary		1,268.02	1,331.42
213 Housing & Utilities (DOM)		12,500.00	12,500.00
214 Medical Spending Fund (DOM)		1,000.00	1,000.00
215 Annuals		500.00	500.00
216 Health & Disability (DOM)		8,661.16	9,361.16
TOTAL	**$**	**51,730.93**	**53,694.33**
300 SALARIES			
301 Director of Missions		20,436.68	21,315.41
302 Secretary		16,564.46	17,392.68
303 Clerk		1,075.00	1,075.00
TOTAL	**$**	**38,076.14**	**39,783.09**
MISCELLANEOUS			
401 Emergency	$	250.00	250.00
402 DOM/SEC Christmas Gift		750.00	750.00
403 Contingency		200.00	200.00
TOTAL	**$**	**1,200.00**	**1,200.00**
GRAND TOTAL	**$**	**104,657.07**	**106,827.42**

HISTORICAL TABLE-BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Association met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The Churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Browns Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at the meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon and organized the Bladen County Baptist Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session. We will be featuring the last fifteen (15) Sessions.

Session	Year	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
101.	1992	Zion Hill Cypress Creek	Jerry Beck	Myrle Lockamy	Earl Farthing Michael Thompson
102.	1993	Sandy Grove White Oak	Jerry Beck	Marjorie Smith	Dwight Cooper Jerry Beck
103.	1994	Suggs Grove Northside	Jerry Beck	Marjorie Smith	David Rutland Sidney Britt
104.	1995	Tar Heel Dublin	David Rutland	Virginia Gause	Sidney Britt James Brooks
105.	1996	Hickory Grove Cypress Creek	David Rutland	Virginia Gause	James Brooks Clyde Coates
106.	1997	Center Road Friendship	Michael Thompson	Virginia Gause	Bruce Cannon Robert Boone
107.	1998	Galeed Clarkton, First	Michael Thompson	Virginia Gause	Oren Honeycutt Dewey Jackson
108.	1999	Zion Hill White Lake	Darryll Hester	Virginia Gause	Steve Butler Richard Smith
109.	2000	Bladenboro, First Elizabethtown	Darryll Hester	Virginia Gause	Dewey Jackson Orborn Gibson
110.	2001	Bethel Sandy Grove	Gene Brisson	Virginia Gause	Jerry Beck Don Coley
111.	2002	Cypress Creek Love Grove	Gene Brisson	Virginia Gause	Richard Smith Randy Andrews
112.	2003	Butters Shady Grove	Richard Smith	Virginia Gause	Randy Andrews Warren Hill
113.	2004	Galeed Northside	Richard Smith	Virginia Gause	J. S. (Bud) Parrish Lorenzo Torres
114.	2005	Friendship Whites Creek	Dewey Jackson	Virginia Gause	Marty Dupree, BSC Mike Penry
115.	2006	Dublin, First Riverside	Dewey Jackson	Virginia Gause	Scott Lewis David Coleman

2006 DIGEST SUMMARY
Bladen Association

Church Name	TM	TB	OA	SSE	SSA	VBS	DT	MM	WMU	BM	TR	CP	AG	OSBC	NSBC
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	150	0	1	48	25	0	0	9	0	0	0	3,993	1,996	0	0
Beards Chapel, Garland	114	1	1	60	30	22	0	10	0	0	0	1,525	1,200	1,000	0
Bethel, Bladenboro	336	8	10	140	88	127	0	34	71	30	0	2,000	2,700	0	0
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	331	3	4	246	152	106	0	59	0	0	0	18,665	8,800	5,146	22,536
Briar Branch, Garland	137	3	3	58	26	74	0	27	0	0	0	0	500	1,200	0
Butters, Bladenboro	181	31	8	119	89	130	51	47	35	24	0	901	1,800	0	28,689
Center Road, Bladenboro	374	4	1	130	85	135	62	40	41	18	0	22,020	3,058	0	0
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	32	2	0	42	21	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	900	0	2,700
Clarkton First,	324	14	5	127	80	72	78	57	122	0	0	14,723	5,726	955	10,785
Council, Council	80	0	2	14	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	300	1,200	2,157	1,200
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	75	2	0	50	29	45	0	10	12	0	0	0	1,931	0	0
Dublin First, Dublin	449	19	18	320	178	250	239	64	106	59	0	14,828	11,385	5,454	5,967
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	537	3	6	343	130	125	99	99	75	0	0	21,633	8,400	0	25,000
Faith, White Oak	91	8	3	48	20	30	0	30	10	0	0	200	928	650	2,100
Friendship, Garland	116	0	4	51	35	56	0	49	29	12	0	919	3,062	0	1,924
Galeed, Bladenboro	627	5	4	401	166	220	129	101	90	80	0	30,000	7,500	23,064	9,815
Good News, Bladenboro	45	5	2	47	33	33	24	14	12	7	0	0	0	0	0
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	130	7	0	51	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grace, Bladenboro	108	4	5	157	75	102	71	32	44	25	0	533	805	0	0
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	332	7	6	152	90	89	98	59	22	48	0	8,500	2,900	19,992	1,431
Lisbon, Clarkton	155	1	7	49	44	75	0	27	27	0	0	1,750	1,167	0	1,833
Love Grove, Tar Heel	190	4	6	100	68	129	0	45	57	28	0	270	1,950	399	1,800
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	42	2	0	7	7	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Center, Bladenboro	130	2	0	69	48	56	33	33	15	0	0	1,000	1,500	0	2,500
Northside, Bladenboro	242	6	4	136	102	189	64	63	78	43	0	9,919	2,480	0	5,700
Peace, Bladenboro	16	0	0	10	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	97	1	18	47	32	49	0	28	12	48	0	0	800	240	0
Riverside, Harrells	172	0	0	55	12	30	3	5	16	0	0	0	1,000	2,632	2,254
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	287	3	0	107	75	45	47	25	18	15	0	6,000	4,200	0	600
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	246	4	2	83	55	82	0	48	18	12	0	5,500	4,200	2,667	9,470
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	187	11	0	101	50	52	0	22	43	11	0	1,260	2,400	745	400
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	321	4	2	161	114	176	66	74	45	11	0	9,356	9,356	719	10,719
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	230	2	0	58	40	25	0	14	9	7	0	1,000	2,000	1,000	1,200
White Lake, Elizabethtown	251	1	0	45	30	58	0	7	10	6	0	3,489	3,489	0	1,950
White Oak, White Oak	230	4	6	69	47	124	0	28	9	6	0	1,000	1,800	0	1,000
White's Creek, Clarkton	269	7	2	103	55	145	37	35	29	25	0	0	1,600	0	0
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	197	6	6	83	56	114	52	42	41	18	0	7,500	4,000	3,400	700
Association Totals	7,831	184	136	3,887	2,338	2,991	1,157	1,238	1,096	533	0	188,784	106,733	71,420	152,273

TM - Total Membership
TB - Total Baptisms
OA - Other Additions
SSE - Bible Study Enrollment
SSA - Bible Study Avg Attendance
VBS - Vacation Bible School Enrollment
DT - Discipleship Training Enrollment
MM - Music Ministry Enrollment
WMU - Women's Mission Organizations Enrollment
BM - Baptist Men's Organizations Enrollment
TR - Total Receipts
CP - Cooperative Program Gifts
AG - Association Gifts
OSBC - Other SBC Mission Gifts
NSBC - Non-SBC Mission Gifts

Bladen Association
2006 MEMBERSHIP, CONGREGATION, & BAPTISM INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	Year Organized	Year Pastor Came	BAPTISMS	OTHER ADDITIONS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	1870	1996	0	1	150	85
Beards Chapel, Garland	1888	0	1	1	114	60
Bethel, Bladenboro	1881	2005	8	10	336	227
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	1911	2003	3	4	331	292
Briar Branch, Garland	1845	2004	3	3	137	87
Butters, Bladenboro	1932	2005	31	8	181	181
Center Road, Bladenboro	1885	1994	4	1	374	260
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	1987	1987	2	0	32	32
Clarkton First,	1884	2005	14	5	324	206
Council, Council	1912	2003	0	2	80	36
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	1853	1995	2	0	75	66
Dublin First, Dublin	1950	2000	19	18	449	400
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	1903	1996	3	6	537	256
Faith, White Oak	1978	2003	8	3	91	62
Friendship, Garland	1976	0	0	4	116	81
Galeed, Bladenboro	1876	0	5	4	627	447
Good News, Bladenboro	2001	2001	5	2	45	45
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	1995	1996	7	0	130	60
Grace, Bladenboro	1957	2004	4	5	108	80
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	1834	2004	7	6	332	294
Lisbon, Clarkton	1870	0	1	7	155	99
Love Grove, Tar Heel	1872	1999	4	6	190	133
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	2002	0	2	0	42	10
New Center, Bladenboro	1947	1986	2	0	130	90
Northside, Bladenboro	1954	2003	6	4	242	238
Peace, Bladenboro	1989	1991	0	0	16	10
Richardson, Bladenboro	1914	1999	1	18	97	65
Riverside, Harrells	1924	1996	0	0	172	113
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	1873	2005	3	0	287	205
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	1885	2003	4	2	246	215
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	1832	2005	11	0	187	134
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	1872	0	4	2	321	207
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	1917	2003	2	0	230	97
White Lake, Elizabethtown	0	2005	1	0	251	115
White Oak, White Oak	1859	2006	4	6	230	131
White's Creek, Clarkton	1914	2003	7	2	269	220
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	1885	2003	6	6	197	130
		TOTALS	184	136	7,831	5,469

Bladen Association
2006 BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	TOTAL SS ENROLLMENT	PRESCHOOL	CHILDREN	YOUTH	ADULTS 18-24	ADULTS 25-34	ADULTS 35-54	ADULTS 55-64	ADULTS 65-Up	OFFICERS	Other BIBLE STUDY	SS AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	VBS
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	48	0	0	0	0	0	'SS_35_54	0	0	3	SundaySchoolOther	25	0
Beards Chapel, Garland	60	0	0	0	2	8	'SS_35_54	0	13	2	SundaySchoolOther	30	22
Bethel, Bladenboro	140	0	0	0	3	17	'SS_35_54	0	0	3	SundaySchoolOther	88	127
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	246	0	0	0	14	14	'SS_35_54	0	89	7	SundaySchoolOther	152	106
Briar Branch, Garland	58	0	0	0	3	5	'SS_35_54	0	9	6	SundaySchoolOther	26	74
Butters, Bladenboro	119	0	0	0	12	18	'SS_35_54	0	15	1	SundaySchoolOther	89	130
Center Road, Bladenboro	130	0	0	0	0	26	'SS_35_54	0	14	7	SundaySchoolOther	85	135
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	42	0	0	0	1	4	'SS_35_54	0	6	1	SundaySchoolOther	21	26
Clarkton First,	127	0	0	0	7	4	'SS_35_54	0	35	5	SundaySchoolOther	80	72
Council, Council	14	0	0	0	0	0	'SS_35_54	0	4	1	SundaySchoolOther	13	0
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	50	0	0	0	0	17	'SS_35_54	0	3	3	SundaySchoolOther	29	45
Dublin First, Dublin	320	0	0	0	13	52	'SS_35_54	0	49	0	SundaySchoolOther	178	250
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	343	0	0	0	26	9	'SS_35_54	0	96	24	SundaySchoolOther	130	125
Faith, White Oak	48	0	0	0	0	6	'SS_35_54	0	3	1	SundaySchoolOther	20	30
Friendship, Garland	51	0	0	0	1	2	'SS_35_54	0	8	2	SundaySchoolOther	35	56
Galeed, Bladenboro	401	0	0	0	21	3	'SS_35_54	0	61	3	SundaySchoolOther	166	220
Good News, Bladenboro	47	0	0	0	3	9	'SS_35_54	0	4	5	SundaySchoolOther	33	33
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	51	0	0	0	9	0	'SS_35_54	0	0	0	SundaySchoolOther	130	0
Grace, Bladenboro	157	0	0	0	7	13	'SS_35_54	0	14	2	SundaySchoolOther	75	102
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	152	0	0	0	12	23	'SS_35_54	0	19	3	SundaySchoolOther	90	89
Lisbon, Clarkton	49	0	0	0	1	6	'SS_35_54	0	7	3	SundaySchoolOther	44	75

Bladen Association
2006 BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	TOTAL SS ENROLLMENT	PRESCHOOL	CHILDREN	YOUTH	ADULTS 18-24	ADULTS 25-34	ADULTS 35-54	ADULTS 55-64	ADULTS 65-Up	OFFICERS	Other BIBLE STUDY	SS AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	VBS
Love Grove, Tar Heel	100	0	0	0	11	23	'SS_35_54	0	12	1	Sunday School Other	68	129
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	7	0	0	0	0	1	'SS_35_54	0	0	0	Sunday School Other	7	0
New Center, Bladenboro	69	0	0	0	4	4	'SS_35_54	0	9	3	Sunday School Other	48	56
Northside, Bladenboro	136	0	0	0	21	25	'SS_35_54	0	15	3	Sunday School Other	102	189
Peace, Bladenboro	10	0	0	0	0	0	'SS_35_54	0	8	0	Sunday School Other	8	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	47	0	0	0	3	4	'SS_35_54	0	4	0	Sunday School Other	32	49
Riverside, Harrells	55	0	0	0	6	4	'SS_35_54	0	9	4	Sunday School Other	12	30
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	107	0	0	0	4	8	'SS_35_54	0	36	2	Sunday School Other	75	45
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	83	0	0	0	10	8	'SS_35_54	0	8	13	Sunday School Other	55	82
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	101	0	0	0	2	0	'SS_35_54	0	26	5	Sunday School Other	50	52
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	161	0	0	0	4	29	'SS_35_54	0	13	1	Sunday School Other	114	176
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	58	0	0	0	0	2	'SS_35_54	0	21	3	Sunday School Other	40	25
White Lake, Elizabethtown	45	0	0	0	0	6	'SS_35_54	0	10	2	Sunday School Other	30	58
White Oak, White Oak	69	0	0	0	7	1	'SS_35_54	0	12	2	Sunday School Other	47	124
White's Creek, Clarkton	103	0	0	0	11	20	'SS_35_54	0	6	3	Sunday School Other	55	145
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	83	0	0	0	3	6	'SS_35_54	0	32	4	Sunday School Other	56	114
TOTALS	3,887	0	0	0	221	377	660	0	670	128	0	2,338	2,991

Bladen Association
2006 PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT ENROLLMENT	MUSIC MINISTRY ENROLLMENT	WMU ENROLLMENT	BAPTIST MEN ENROLLMENT	MISSION PROJECT INFORMATION
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	0	9	0	0	0
Beards Chapel, Garland	0	10	0	0	0
Bethel, Bladenboro	0	34	71	30	230
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	0	59	0	0	825
Briar Branch, Garland	0	27	0	0	0
Butters, Bladenboro	51	47	35	24	0
Center Road, Bladenboro	62	40	41	18	28
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	0	0
Clarkton First,	78	57	122	0	310
Council, Council	0	0	0	0	0
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	0	10	12	0	0
Dublin First, Dublin	239	64	106	59	85
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	99	99	75	0	50
Faith, White Oak	0	30	10	0	0
Friendship, Garland	0	49	29	12	22
Galeed, Bladenboro	129	101	90	80	0
Good News, Bladenboro	24	14	12	7	16
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	0	0
Grace, Bladenboro	71	32	44	25	0
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	98	59	22	48	23
Lisbon, Clarkton	0	27	27	0	9
Love Grove, Tar Heel	0	45	57	28	30
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	4	1	0	0	0
New Center, Bladenboro	33	33	15	0	0
Northside, Bladenboro	64	63	78	43	18
Peace, Bladenboro	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	0	28	12	48	27
Riverside, Harrells	3	5	16	0	0
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	47	25	18	15	0
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	0	48	18	12	90
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	0	22	43	11	20
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	66	74	45	11	70
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	0	14	9	7	0
White Lake, Elizabethtown	0	7	10	6	2
White Oak, White Oak	0	28	9	6	17
White's Creek, Clarkton	37	35	29	25	21
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	52	42	41	18	41
TOTALS	1,157	1,238	1,096	533	1,934

Bladen Association
2006 MISSION FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	ASSOCIATION	SBC	NON-SBC	MISSION OFFERING GIVING		
					STATE	NATIONAL	INTERNATIONAL
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	3,993	1,996	0	0	0	70	420
Beards Chapel, Garland	1,525	1,200	0	0	0	0	0
Bethel, Bladenboro	2,000	2,700	0	0	500	1,310	1,768
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	18,665	8,800	0	22,536	0	670	300
Briar Branch, Garland	0	500	0	0	0	0	0
Butters, Bladenboro	901	1,800	0	28,689	2,980	1,461	1,969
Center Road, Bladenboro	22,020	3,058	0	0	0	6,559	5,800
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	0	900	0	2,700	0	0	195
Clarkton First,	14,723	5,726	0	10,785	711	1,823	2,964
Council, Council	300	1,200	0	1,200	1,426	655	817
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	0	1,931	0	0	966	966	966
Dublin First, Dublin	14,828	11,385	0	5,967	300	3,019	2,885
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	21,633	8,400	0	25,000	352	452	1,190
Faith, White Oak	200	928	0	2,100	0	0	0
Friendship, Garland	919	3,062	0	1,924	2,756	327	265
Galeed, Bladenboro	30,000	7,500	0	9,815	3,752	4,647	8,777
Good News, Bladenboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grace, Bladenboro	533	805	0	0	0	55	0
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	8,500	2,900	0	1,431	860	1,934	3,519
Lisbon, Clarkton	1,750	1,167	0	1,833	250	300	1,594
Love Grove, Tar Heel	270	1,950	0	1,800	0	0	180
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	0	125	0	0
New Center, Bladenboro	1,000	1,500	0	2,500	500	1,000	1,000
Northside, Bladenboro	9,919	2,480	0	5,700	0	1,720	1,880
Peace, Bladenboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	0	800	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside, Harrells	0	1,000	0	2,254	0	1,069	1,143
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	6,000	4,200	0	600	199	2,054	4,479
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	5,500	4,200	0	9,470	30	2,195	2,484
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	1,260	2,400	0	400	700	1,395	780
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	9,356	9,356	0	10,719	609	1,287	2,638
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	1,000	2,000	0	1,200	500	770	750
White Lake, Elizabethtown	3,489	3,489	0	1,950	200	472	480
White Oak, White Oak	1,000	1,800	0	1,000	325	535	870
White's Creek, Clarkton	0	1,600	0	0	1,500	605	150
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	7,500	4,000	0	700	2,000	2,470	2,708
TOTALS	**188,784**	**106,733**	**0**	**152,273**	**21,541**	**39,820**	**53,021**

Bladen Association
2006 GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	UNDESIGNATED RECEIPTS	DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	OTHER RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	PROPERTY VALUE
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	4,715	0	0	450,000
Beards Chapel, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	5,425	0	0	200,000
Bethel, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	24,732	0	0	1,772,400
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	144,275	0	0	1,500,000
Briar Branch, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	0	210,000
Butters, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	152,142	0	0	235,000
Center Road, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	1,298	0	0	400,000
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	7,784	0	0	200,000
Clarkton First,	'Undesignated Gifts	19,474	3,148	0	600,000
Council, Council	'Undesignated Gifts	6,555	0	0	75,000
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	2,469	0	0	300,000
Dublin First, Dublin	'Undesignated Gifts	105,435	0	0	1,600,000
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	64,239	26,879	0	6,000,000
Faith, White Oak	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	0	150,000
Friendship, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	2,608	50	0	942,000
Galeed, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	126,142	0	0	1,800,000
Good News, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	0	40,000
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	7,000	0	0	350,000
Grace, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	5,263	0	0	250,000
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	95,312	181,453	0	3,500,000
Lisbon, Clarkton	'Undesignated Gifts	10,500	300	0	330,000
Love Grove, Tar Heel	'Undesignated Gifts	4,601	0	0	750,000
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	0	0
New Center, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	2,300	0	0	750,000
Northside, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	21,699	0	0	275,000
Peace, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	31,409	0	0	287,675
Riverside, Harrells	'Undesignated Gifts	3,948	0	0	350,000
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	10,046	0	0	1,655,000
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	15,847	0	0	750,000

Bladen Association
2006 GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	UNDESIGNATED RECEIPTS	DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	OTHER RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	PROPERTY VALUE
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	'Undesignated Gifts	9,517	277	0	1,050,000
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	'Undesignated Gifts	22,928	354	0	1,570,000
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	3,207	0	0	1,096,000
White Lake, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	8,583	0	0	0
White Oak, White Oak	'Undesignated Gifts	7,824	3,332	0	850,000
White's Creek, Clarkton	'Undesignated Gifts	4,396	0	0	825,000
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	19,474	1,543	0	265,000
TOTALS	3,606,111	951,147	217,336	0	31,378,075

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One Hundred-Sixteenth Annual Session
of the
Bladen Baptist Association
October 29, 2007 – October 30, 2007

Theme: Living the Legacy For Christ

Monday Evening – October 29, 2007
White Lake Baptist Church

The One Hundred-Sixteenth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association met at the White Lake Baptist Church at 5:45 P.M. with a dinner for the pastors, spouses and guests.

Registration began at 6:30 P.M. followed by a prelude concert by the Zambian Vocal Group from Africa.

Moderator Scott Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Moderator recognized Rev. Walter Hayes, White Lake Baptist Church, who welcomed everyone and led in prayer. The Zambian Vocal Group did the call to worship.

Enrollment of Messengers: Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk, made a motion that these and any other messengers who might register later constitute the One Hundred-Sixteenth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association. There were sixty-three (63) messengers and fifty-five (55) guest, making a total of one hundred-eighteen registered. The motion was seconded and approved.
Adoption of Program: Rev. David Rutland moved the adoption of the program as printed. Motion was seconded and approved.
Introduction of New Ministers: DOM Bruce Cannon recognized the following pastors: Rev. Chris Church, Friendship; Dr. Mack Roberts, Galeed; Rev. Arthur Smith, Grace; Rev. Wade McLamb, Lisbon; Rev. David Rutland, Tar Heel; Rev. Walter Hayes, White Lake; Rev. Rodney McMillan, New Beginnings; Rev. Darin Andrews, Richardson.
Introduction of Special Guest: Mr. Tom Denton, N. C. Baptist Foundation and Rev. Rusty Willis and wife, Etta, pastor of Wesley Chapel Methodist Church.
Brief History of White Lake Baptist Church: Presented by Rev. Walter Hayes
Miscellaneous Business:
Higher Plain Cowboy Church: Moderator Lewis read a request from Rev. Jerry Beck, Pastor, which reads as follows: "The Higher Plain Cowboy Church would like to become a part of the Bladen Baptist Association. The association has been an important part of our ministry and we want to give back to the association." Moderator Lewis indicated this matter will voted on at tomorrow's business meeting.

Rev. Boyd Britt, Vice Moderator, presented Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts a plaque for her years of service as the Associational Administrative Assistant. Mrs. Roberts served

from May 1994 until August 2007. She was thanked for her invaluable service given throughout the years.

Rev. Kincy Barrow asked for an offering to be taken for the Zambia Vocal Group. They have been working together for 21 years. The money will go to the Zambia Music Academy. The school is for grades 1-7. There are 180 students enrolled in the school.

DOM Cannon recognized Sandy Grove Church for their giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. They earned the top per capita giving church for 2006 and Galeed church was recognized for giving the highest offering.

DOM Cannon introduced the Theme speakers, Dr. Rowland Myburgh and Dr. Andre Delport. Their ministry is called, "Hands on Africa." Dr. Myburgh is the President of the South Africa Baptist Union. They reported on their ministry and showed slides covering some of their events.

Preacher & Place Committee: Moderator Lewis appointed the following to this committee: Rev. Danny Lewis, Rev. Barry Swain and Rev. Kincy Barrow.
Resolutions: Rev. Boyd Britt, Rev. Larry Hayes, Rev. Currie Long

Call to Worship:
The Zambian Vocal Group again presented two songs at the beginning of the worship service.
Rev. Cameron McGill preached the annual sermon, "Ten Principals for a Church God Wants Us To Be." After the singing of a hymn the session was recessed at 9:00 P.M. to re-convene on October 30, 2007 at Suggs Grove Baptist Church. Rev. McGill closed in prayer.

Tuesday Afternoon – October 30, 2007
Suggs Grove Baptist Church

The afternoon session opened at 3:00 P.M. with registration and the general opening at 3:15 P.M. Rev. Barry Swain welcomed everyone, read the scripture and led in prayer. Rev. Kincy Barrow rendered special music. Rev. Swain gave a brief history of Suggs Grove Church.
Reports:
DOM Report: DOM Cannon referred to his report on page 29, Book of Reports. He graciously thanked all the churches for their support to the Bladen Baptist Association. He also expressed his desire for all to pray for God's will be done in our mission work.
Baptist Children's Home: Mrs. Brenda Gray brought greetings from the Children's Home and presented stories of the Children and what God has been doing and continuing to do through this ministry. She thanked the association for their continued love and support.

Division Reports:
WMU: Mrs. Lisa Hester reported. See page 37, Book of Reports.
Baptist Men: Mr. Thurman Bass reported. See page 33, Book of Reports.
Discipleship Training: DOM Cannon reported. See page 31, Book of Reports.
Sunday School: No report
Music Report: Rev. Kincy Barrow reported. See page 34, Book of Reports.
Missions Development/Leisure Ministry: Rev. Walter Hayes, Page 34, 35, Book of Reports.
Youth Report: No report

Miscellaneous Business:

Cameron and Kelly Lewis presented the youth ministry they have been led to do at the Washington Baptist Church in Vermont. They are asking for support in their ministry as well as asking for prayer.

Moderator Lewis presented the request for the Higher Plain Cowboy Church to become a member of the Bladen Baptist Association. Rev. Richard Mabe made a motion to accept them as a member and a second was made and approved unanimously.

Worship Services:
The congregation sang hymn, "His Name is Wonderful" and Moderator Rev. Scott Lewis, presented the Moderator's message. Rev. Boyd Britt led in prayer.

Watch Care Committee: Rev. Barry Swain, Rev. Boyd Britt, Mrs. Lisa Hester, Rev. Richard Smith, Mrs. Bernice Bass, Mrs. Stephanie Kriner and DOM Cannon.

DOM Cannon again expressed his concern about the Bladen Baptist Associational office not having sufficient space for the executive quarterly meetings and asked for churches to volunteer to host the meetings for year 2008.

The session was recessed at 4:30 P.M. for thirty minutes. Dinner was served at 6:00 P.M. by the host church.

Tuesday Evening – October 30, 2007
Suggs Grove Baptist Church

Moderator Lewis called the meeting back to order at 7:00 P.M. The Suggs Grove Church choir rendered the music.

In Remembrance: Mrs. Thelma Barnes read the names of the deceased recorded on page 54, Book of Reports.
Committee Reports:
Evangelism: Rev. Michael Skinner reported. See page 36, Book of Reports.
Nominating: DOM Cannon reported. See pages 3,4,5 & 6, Book of Reports.

Nominating: DOM Cannon reported. See pages 3, 4, 5 & 6, Book of Reports.
Finance: DOM Cannon reported. See pages 57, 58, 59 & 60, Book of Reports.
Historian: Mrs. Ethelene Barnes reported. See page 37, Book of Reports. Galeed Baptist Church was featured on the front cover of the Book of Reports and New Beginnings on the back cover.
Preacher & Place Committee: Rev. Danny Lewis reported for the committee: The Annual Session for Monday, October 27, 2008 to be at Clarkton Baptist Church and Tuesday, October 28, 2008, White Oak Baptist Church.
Resolutions Committee: Rev. Boyd Britt gave the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the messengers of the One Hundred-Sixteenth session of the Bladen Baptist Association thank the leadership of the White Lake and Suggs Grove Baptist Churches for their hospitality and fellowship in hosting the annual session. We would also thank our associational leadership for the well planned program which provided for an inspirational service."

Miscellaneous Business:

DOM announced that the Executive Meeting for January 22, 2008 will be held at Bethel Baptist Church.

Evening Worship Service:

The Bladen Baptist Association Choir, led by Rev. Kincy Barrow, rendered several selections from the Experiencing God musical. Dr. Bruce Martin, pastor of Village Baptist Church, Fayetteville, delivered the message for the evening. DOM Cannon led in prayer and the annual session ended at 8:30 P.M.

Submitted by:
Rev. Scott Lewis, Moderator
Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION
2007

ABBOTTSBURG – Mrs. Eva Cashwell, Mrs. Jane Thompson, Mrs. Jane Walters
BEARDS CHAPEL – Mrs. Lois Smith, Mr. Gene Smith, Ms. Thelma Barnes
BETHEL – Mrs. Stephanie Kriner, Mr. Livingston Roberts, Mr. Stewart Carroll, Mr. Bobby Roberts, Mrs. Kim Carroll, Mrs. Dianna Roberts
BLADENBORO, FIRST – C. Bridger
BRIAR BRANCH – Mr. Troy Smith, Mr. Robert Smith, Rev. Claybourn Faircloth, Mrs. Katie Smith, Mrs. Ida Suggs
BUTTERS – Mrs. Mary Spence, Mrs. Grace Parnell, Rev. Bobby Winebarger, Mrs. Janie Davis
CENTER ROAD – Kathleen Dowless, Mrs. Winford Evers, Mr. Warren Dowless, Mrs. Linda Irving
CHRIST COMMUNITY – Rev. Leon Warren, Mrs. Lynn Warren
CLARKTON, FIRST – Mrs. Judy Elkins, Dr. Larry Pittman, Howard Elkins, Charles Wayne Phillips, Mrs. Kim Pittman
COUNCIL – Mrs. Faye McDuffie, Mrs. Bonny Cox, Rev. Jack Miller, Mr. Virgil McDuffie
CYPRESS CREEK – Mrs. Mittie Smith, Mrs. Lucille Smith, Rev. Richard Smith
DUBLIN – Mrs. Lucille Andrews, Dr. R.L. Summerlin, Mrs. Peggy Hill
ELIZABETHTOWN – Dr. David Elks
FAITH – Mr. Thomas Barbour, Mr. Tommy Barbour
FRIENDSHIP – Mr. Allen Smith, Mr. Fred Norris
GALEED – Mr. Ray Suggs, Mr. Bobby Lennon, Mrs. Sue Lennon, Mrs. Irene Pait, Mrs. Florence Suggs,
GOOD NEWS – Mr. Ron Hedgpeth, Mr. Tullen Adams, Rev. Larry Hayes
GRACE – Mrs. Tara Adams, Mrs. Ellen Bullard, Rev. Arthur Smith, Mr. Adam Williams
HICKORY GROVE – Rev. Charles Brust, Phillip Hales, Mr. Leo Hester, Mr. Joe McLaughlin
LISBON – Mrs. Annie Sasser, Mr. Roy McKeithan, Mrs. Virginia Gause
LOVE GROVE – Mr. Randy Andrews, Mr. Ernie Taylor, Mr. Scott Collins
NEW BEGINNINGS – Mrs. Teresa Smith, Mr. Michael Smith, Mrs. Kay Tipton
NEW CENTER – Mr. Tom Ellis, L.T. Brown
NORTHSIDE – Kay Meismer, Mr. Thurman Bass, Mrs. Leah Lewis, Mrs. Janice Porter, Mr. Ray Porter, Sharon Meismer
PEACE – Rev. Buddy Cain
RICHARDSON – Mrs. Joyce Wilkins. Mrs. Billie Faye White, Rev. Darin Andrews, Mr. Gary McMillan, Mr. Jeffrey Parnell
RIVERSIDE – Mrs. Bessie Evans, Mrs. JoAnn Long, Mrs. Currie Long
SANDY GROVE – Mrs. Delphia Pait, Mrs. Margaret Edwards, Ethel Kinlaw, Rev. Jerry Beck
SHADY GROVE – Mr. Alfred Edwards, Rev. Michael Skinner
SUGGS GROVE – Ms. Pait Bragg, Ms. Reba Edge, Ms. Margaret Edge, Mrs. Mary Suggs, Ms. Jean Tew, Ms. Marlene Smith
TAR HEEL – Lisa Abbott, Mr. Larry Martin, Mrs. Mavis Singletary
WEST BLADENBORO – Rev. Boyd Britt, William Lewis
WHITE OAK – Mr. David Price, Mr. Bobby Batton, Rev. Danny Lewis
WHITE'S CREEK – Mrs. Lori Barrow, Mrs. Kim Bordeaux, Rev. Kincy Barrow, Mr. Shelton Bordeaux
ZION HILL – Mr. Gene Brisson, Mr. Mark Allen, Ms. Lisa Hester, Ms. Donna Allen, Doris Brisson

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH ORGANISTS
(OR PIANIST IF NO ORGANIST)

ABBOTTSBURG–Mrs. Retha Bryan—(648-4017)
BEARDS CHAPEL–Mrs. Faye Barnes–(588-4896)
BETHEL–Mrs. Tammie Melson–(866-4687)
BLADENBORO, FIRST–Mrs. Susan M. Kelly–(863-3436)
BRIAR BRANCH–Mrs. Elaine Dickens–(588-4867)
BUTTERS–Mr. Murray Bishop–(863-3470)
CENTER ROAD–Mrs. Meredith Dowless–(863-3043)
CHRIST COMMUNITY–Mrs. Judy Caulkins-(866-4806)
CLARKTON, FIRST–Mrs. Arrie Formyduval–(647-1211)
COUNCIL–Mrs. Doris Williams–(669-2574)
CYPRESS CREEK–Mrs. Jennifer Coble–(588-4698)
DUBLIN, FIRST–Mrs. Estelle Summerlin–(862-2020)
ELIZABETHTOWN–Mrs. Betty C. Womble–(862-3244)
FAITH–Ms. Melissa Todd–(866-5483)
FRIENDSHIP–Ms. Margaret Williams–(588-4462)
GALEED–Mr. Greg Lennon–(863-4595)
GOOD NEWS–Mr. Mike Thompson–(648-5429)
GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION–Mr. Leonel Arteaga
GRACE–Mrs. Patricia McKeithan–(863-3692)
HICKORY GROVE–Mrs. Phyllis Lewis–(648-4340)
LISBON–Mrs. Ann Kinlaw–(645-4811)
LOVE GROVE–Mrs. Penny Taylor–(866-5474)
NEW BEGINNINGS–
NEW CENTER–Mrs. Phyllis McCormick–(648-2229)
NORTHSIDE–Mrs. Doretta Lennon–(863-4432)
PEACE–
RICHARDSON–Mrs. Jennifer Nance–(648-4910)
RIVERSIDE–Mrs. Patsy McLaney–(532-6363)
SANDY GROVE–Mrs. Felisa Williams
SHADY GROVE–Mrs. Sarah Skinner–(648-2120)
SUGGS GROVE–Mrs. Rosalie Russ–(862-4433)
TAR HEEL–Miss Vivian Wilson–(862-6266)
WEST BLADENBORO–Mrs. Camilla Pait–(863-3349)
WHITE LAKE–Mr. Dennis Dagenhart-(862-2302)
WHITE OAK–Mr. John Reid
WHITES CREEK–Mrs. Jackie Dennis–(645-4933)
ZION HILL–Mrs. Lisa Hester–(863-3135)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME: The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - MISSION: It is the Mission of this body to provide opportunity to member churches affiliated with it for cooperative efforts in carrying out the evangelistic and ministry directives of Jesus Christ; further to encourage and assist, when possible, each member church in doing the same.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP: The Association shall consist of messengers and executive members who are members of the affiliated church as follows:

I. Each church of fifty (50) members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifth (50) members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five (5) lay messengers active and voting at one time. Each church shall be entitled to an equal number of alternate messengers who shall serve in the absence of the messengers. The messengers who compose the Association much come from churches that believe in practicing New Testament doctrine as set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message.*

I. Each church shall be entitled one executive member and senior pastor to serve as set forth in article IV.

2. The Pastors.
3. The elected officers of the Association

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, together with a pastor and a layman from each affiliated church. The Executive Board is charged with the duty of executing the plans and decisions of the Association and the employment and direction of the Associational Director of Missions. A full report of its work shall be presented at each Fall Session, together with plans and recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work of the Association. The Executive Board shall act for the Association between sessions in conformity with the expressed decisions of the body. A vacancy occurring between sessions may be filled for the remainder of the year as set forth in Article VI (l) ©) of this constitution.

ARTICLE V - AFFILIATED CHURCHES: A Missionary Baptist Church desiring fellowship in the Association may submit a written request for membership at a Fall session, and may be received under the watchcare of the Association for a period of time to the next ensuing Fall Session, and then upon recommendation of the Committee On Membership, such church may be received as a member by two-thirds favorable vote of the duly qualified messengers in attendance at such session.

Any member church in good standing shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal and recommendation to another similar body. Such letter may be granted from the Association in session or by the Executive Board between sessions.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS:

(I) The Executive Officers of the Bladen Baptist Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Other officers shall be Stewardship Director and Historian.

(a)Officers shall be approved at the April Executive Committee meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting. Nominees will be presented by the nominating committee or from the floor. All nominations must be with the prior consent of the nominee. They shall serve for one year beginning at the close of the annual meeting and ending at the close of the next.

(b)A qualified parliamentarian, well versed in Robert's Rules of Order, shall be appointed by the moderator during his term of office.

*(c)*If the office of Moderator becomes vacant, the vice-moderator shall become moderator for the rest of that term. Other vacancies in associational offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Nominating Committee or from the floor, with prior consent of the nominee(s).

(d)A Moderator shall not serve more than two years in succession.

ARTICLE VII - DIVISION DIRECTORS

(1) A Division Director shall be approved by the Executive Committee during its April Meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting, for Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Evangelism, Music, Seminary Extension, Church Media, Missions Development, Leisure Ministry, Youth, and other organizations which may be added by the Association. Nominations may be presented by the Nominating Committee or from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

(a)The Division Director will begin serving in October following election, but will be responsible for planning the program and budget for year under his/her direction.

(b)Each Director will select workers for that area and present them to the Nominating Committee for approval prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee will then present the workers to the Association for approval at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL: The Associational Council shall consist of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Directors of each division. The staff members of the Associations shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.

The Associational Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to assist in planning, promoting, guiding, and calendar planning for the total Associational Program.

It will meet regularly prior to each Executive Board Meeting and Annual Session. It will consider, review, and/or prepare recommendations concerning the Associational Program for action by the Executive Board and/or Association.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES:

(1) Standing Committees shall be as follows and others may be added as deemed necessary by the Executive Board or Association. They are nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual Meeting:

Nominations	Constitution	Ordination
Membership	The Office Building and Grounds	
Finance	DOM Relations	

(2) Associational Committees: The Moderator shall appoint the following committees at the July Executive Board Meeting: (a) Committee on Place and Preacher for the following year, (b) Committee on Resolutions, ©) Committee on Enrollment, (d) Membership Committee, if needed, and (e) any other committees which may be authorized by the Association. These committees shall report during the annual session.

ARTICLE X - PROCEDURE: The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT: This Constitution may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board meeting prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on the second day.

ARTICLE XII - ADOPTION: Upon adoption, this constitution shall become effective at the close of this session of the Bladen Baptist Association.

BY-LAWS
OF
Bladen Baptist Association

I. NAME

The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association as set forth in Article I of the attached constitution. The location shall be Elizabethtown, Bladen County, North Carolina.

II. FAITH

This Baptist association accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as our rule of faith and practice. It affirms the doctrinal positions set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message,* and hereby incorporates that statement into these bylaws.

III. PURPOSE

As set forth in Article II of the attached constitution.

IV . POLITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

The government of this association is vested in the members who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical or political body or bodies.
We realize there is mutual helpfulness in working with other associations of like faith and practice as to encourage the spirit of fellowship and good will. We also recognize that there have been devised, through the voluntary cooperation of churches of like faith and order, organizations whose purpose it is to implement the missionary, educational and benevolent interests and obligations of this association and its affiliated churches. Believing that the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are organizations which have as their sole purpose the promotion and support of missions; education and benevolence of the character and in keeping with the spirit of the Bylaws and Constitution of this association, we therefore voluntarily agree to participate in the programs and ministries of these organizations.

V. MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

Section A: Requirement and Procedure

Membership will be as set forth in Article III and IV of attached Constitution of this body, namely the Bladen Baptist Association.

Section B: Duties of Affiliated Churches

1. *Cooperation:* Any church affiliated with this body shall support the same financially and be sympathetic with the purpose and mission of this body. Any voting member of this body must first be a member of an affiliated church.
2. *Provide Annual Church Profile (ACP):* Each affiliated church shall send to the clerk of the Association fourteen (14) days prior to the Fall Session of the Association, on forms furnished by the clerk, a full report of the church work for the year sending September 30th.

Section C: Rights of Affiliation and Membership

l. Each affiliated church has a right to be represented by messengers or executive committee members as set forth in article III and IV of attached constitution of this body; who in turn shall have the right to vote on all matters brought before this association.

2. Any member of an affiliated church is eligible for consideration by the membership of the association for nomination to any elective office in the association.

Section D: Termination of Affiliation

Church affiliation with this association may be terminated in the following ways:

l. By the affiliated church's request. The affiliated church may write a letter of request that its affiliation with Bladen Baptist Association be terminated. Such termination shall be effective as of the date the request is received and approved.

2. By exclusion. The association, after due notice and a reasonable opportunity for hearing and kindly efforts to make such action unnecessary, may terminate the affiliation of churches who fail to be supportive financially or fail to be sympathetic with the doctrine and purpose of this association.

VI. MEETINGS

Section A: Business.

Quorum. 12 affiliated churches represented by voting messenger(s) or executive board members shall constitute a quorum

1. Annual Sessions of the Association shall be held on Monday Evening and Tuesday Afternoon and Evening following the fourth Sunday in October.

2. Quarterly Sessions: The Executive Board shall meet on Tuesday following the third Sunday of January, April and July.

3. Special meetings may be called by the moderator or the director of missions provided one week advanced notice s given to the affiliated churches.

Section B: Procedure

All meetings of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service followed by the order of business or agenda and closed with prayer. *An order of business shall be adopted at the beginning of each annual session which shall be changed only a two-thirds vote of the body.*

Section C: The Associational Year

The associational year and reports shall cover October lst through September 30th. The fiscal year shall be January lst through December 31st.

VII. OFFICERS

Section A. Generally

Executive Officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. Other officers shall be stewardship director, historian and such others as the association shall determine. For all such officers the association shall establish and set forth in the bylaws, their means of selection and duties. All officers must be members in good standing of an affiliated church and serve at the pleasure of the association.

Duties of Executive Officers

a. Function as Board of Directors. The currently serving Executive Officers shall meet and acting together, constitute the Board of Directors of Bladen Baptist Association. Such Board of Directors shall change by and in the same procedure as Executive officers change. In their capacity as directors, they shall have the duties and responsibilities attendant to Directors, subject however to the limitation set forth in the charter bylaws and constitution. The Directors shall not have power, except as expressly authorized by the association, to purchase or sell or encumber any real or personal property, to install or remove officers or staff, to amend the Charter, bylaws or constitution, or to bind the corporation to any contract.

b. Corporate Officers. The Moderator shall, whenever required by law or practice, serve as the President of the corporation, having only such express powers as are granted by the association, and having no power absent such express authorization to bind the corporation in any matter or act for it. In a similar manner and subject to the same limitations, the Vice-Moderator shall be authorized to act as the Vice-President.

Section B. Moderator

The moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

Section C. Vice-Moderator

The Vice-Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the moderator. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

Section D. Clerk

The clerk shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Clerk shall work with the Associational Staff in keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of the association, and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed, as directed by the Association or Executive Board, minutes and statistics of the Association as soon as practical after adjournment of the Fall Session. He/She shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the association six weeks before they are due. Copies of the annuals shall be provided without charge for the officers, and provided for affiliated churches as requested by payment. A copy shall be sent to each department of the Baptist State Convention and other institutions and individuals as the Association or Executive Committee may direct.

Section E. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Treasurer shall work with the Associational Staff to receive all receipts of the association, disburse them according to its order, and present a printed report of the same to the Fall Session of the Association and to the Executive Board.

Section F. Stewardship Director

The Stewardship Director shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Stewardship Director shall be responsible for Stewardship promotion working with the Director of Missions and subject to the supervision of the Executive Board.

Section G. Historian

The Historian shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Historian shall encourage churches to preserve their historical material, to publish a church history from time to time, and to observe their special anniversaries. He/She should maintain an Associational Historical Collection.

VIII COMMITTEES

Section A. Generally
Committees of the association shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association except those committees appointed by the moderator. Such committees are clearly designated in the by-laws and constitution. There are two types of committees, standing and special. Standing committees are listed in these by-laws while special committees are elected by the association in accordance to need.

Section B. Duties
1. THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: The Program Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Director of Missions, Director of Music and Pastors of the host churches. The Vice-Moderator shall be chairman of this committee. It shall prepare a printed program for the Annual Meeting and distribute copies to program personnel and pastors at least thirty (30) days in advance. The committee shall present the program for adoption by the association and manage any adjustments.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE: This committee shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be....to supervise the financial program of the association and to report to the Executive Board regarding the same at each quarterly meeting. The Finance Committee shall submit to the Executive Board at the July Meeting, a budget for the coming year. The budget will be voted on at the Fall Session of the Association.

3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: This Committee, composed of 5 members, shall nominate officers, Division Directors and committee members as set forth in Article V and IX of this constitution. It shall also nominate associational representatives for convention institutions and agencies are deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee or association. Vacancies occurring between annual sessions shall be filed by the Executive Board upon presentation of nominee(s) by this committee.

4. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: This committee, composed of three(3)members, shall be available to review, study and propose changes in the constitution, and make recommendations to the association regarding any changes.

5. ORDINATION COMMITTEE: This committee, composed of five(5) members shall, when requested by a member church, assist in the examination and ordination of candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

6. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE: This Committee, composed of four(4) members, shall work with the Director of Missions in keeping his job description up to date, abiding by the guidelines adopted for the relationship, reviewing compensation and time arrangements, arranging for mutual evaluation sessions, handling criticisms of the Director of Missions and hearing his complaints, helping with staff difficulties, and dealing with any problems that may arise.

7. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: This committee, composed of three(3) members and appointed by the moderator, shall study proposed resolutions and make its report in the final session of the annual meeting.

8. COMMITTEE OF PLACE AND PREACHER: This committee, composed of three(3) members is appointed by the moderator. It shall seek out and recommend meeting places for annual sessions. It shall also recommend preachers and alternates for the Fall Sessions.

9. COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT: This committee is appointed by the moderator and shall be composed of five(5) members. It shall work with the office staff to prepare for and direct the enrollment of messengers at each of the annual sessions.

IX DIVISION DIRECTORS

Section A. Generally

Division directors are nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association according to procedure set forth in article VII of the attached constitution. A director for each of the following divisions shall be elected: Brotherhood, Discipleship Training, Deacon Consultant, Evangelism, Leisure Ministry, Media, Missions Development, Music, Seminary Extension, Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union and Youth.

Section B. Duties

l. It shall be the responsibility of each Division Director to coordinate and assist the work of each committee or program group in that particular division.

2. The Division Director shall make quarterly progress reports to the Executive Board and shall prepare and submit a written annual report for the Book of Reports not later than the last scheduled meeting of the Executive Board propr to the Annual Session.

3. The Division Director shall serve on the Associational Council to help plan and coordinate the total associational ministry.

4. The Division Director shall prepare and submit a budget request for his/her division to the Finance Committee by July 1, prior to budget year planned.

X PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the moderator and shall be well versed in Robert's Rules of Order.

XI DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Section A. Election

The Director of Missions shall be elected upon the recommendation of a duly elected search committee. Nominees for the Search Committee shall be presented b the Nominating Committee to the Executive Board who shall be responsible for electing the same. The Search Committee shall then search out and recommend a qualified candidate to the Executive Board for Election. The term of office for the Director of Missions shall be until terminated by mutual consent or at the official request of either party.

Section B. Duties

The Director of Missions shall have general oversight of the work of the association, cooperating with all elected officers of the association and member churches. The Director shall be an exofficio member of all committees, councils and organizations of the association. His duties shall be carried out in accordance with agreed job description.

Section C. Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs and during the interim period, *the Associational Council shall seek out and recommend an interim Director of Missions to the Executive Board.*

Section D. Grievances
Any matter relating to the Director of Missions which is not covered in this constitution or covenant agreed upon by the association and the Director of Missions shall be referred to the DOM Relations Committee who in turn will make recommendations to the Executive Board if and when necessary.

XII REVENUE

The Bladen Baptist Association shall be supported through contributions from the affiliated churches and individual gifts other than undesignated monies, shall be accepted at the discretion of the Finance Committee.

XIII SALARIES OF OFFICERS

Salaries of the Director of Missions of the association, as well as any other officer, shall be such amount as may be provided for in the Annual Budget and approved by the association in its Fall Session.

XIV MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

l. The Minutes of all sessions of the association shall be examined, approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before being printed.

XV AUDITOR

l. The Auditor shall examine the financial books and records of the association and submit a detailed report covering his audit at such time as may be required by the Executive Board or the Association.

XVI VISITORS

l. Visitors are welcome to attend any business session of the Bladen Baptist Association, but without deliberation or voting privileges. Visitors may speak at the discretion of the moderator.

XVII AMENDMENTS

l. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual session of the association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board meeting prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on the second day.

XVIII EFFECTIVE DATE

l. These By-Laws or any additions or amendments thereto shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Submitted by Constitution Committee
Mr. Worth Hester
Ms. Josie Carroll
Mrs. Florence Suggs

Adopted: October 28, 1997

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2007 - 2008

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CALENDAR 2008

January

1	**New Year's Day, Assoc. Office Closed**
18-19	NC WMU Executive Board Meeting, Cary
21	Martin Luther King Day, BSCNC Offices Closed
22	**Bladen Baptist Executive Committee Meets, 7:30pm**
27	**Baptist Men's Day in the Churches**
30-31	**Assoc. Staff/Convention Staff Meeting, Caraway**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**
TBA	**Early Bird VBS Clinic, Date and Location TBA**

February

3-10	**Week of Prayer for Baptist Retirement Homes**
11-17	**Focus on WMU**
15-17	Student Summer Missions' Interviews, Caraway
17	Baptist College Day
17	**Volunteers in Missions Day**
18-21	Ministerial Tax Issues Conferences
21-22	Church Weekday Education Director's Retreat, Location TBA
22-23	Adult Handbell Festival, Civic Center, Sanford
22-24	**Coastal Women's Retreat, Caswell**
25-26	**State Evangelism Conference, Lawndale Baptist Church**
29-1	**NC Baptist Missions Conference & Baptist Men's Convention, Winston-Salem**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

March

2-9	**Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**
14-15	**Revive us Again Prayer Conference**
15	**CIA Day, Mundo Vista**
16	**Palm Sunday**
21	**Good Friday**
21-22	**Region 4 Disaster Relief Training**
23	**Easter**
23	**Community Easter Sunrise Service, Caswell**
24	**Easter Monday, BSCNC/Association Office Closed**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

April

4-6	Missions Extravaganza
5	RA Care Race Day, Salisbury FBC
5	Spring Camp Work Day, Mundo Vista
7-9	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
8	Church Building Conference, East
11-12	Youth Handbell Festival, Hickory Grove Baptist Church
11-13	International Student Conference, Caswell
14-17	Retirement Growth Conferences, Location TBA
14-16	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
18-19	Region 6 Disaster Relief Training
19	**Statewide Operation Inasmuch**
21-23	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
22	**Bladen Baptist Association Executive Committee meets, 7:30pm**
25-26	Men's Ministry Conference at Caswell
26-28	**Father/Son Overnight, Caraway (Grades 1-6)**
28-30	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Assoc. WMU Annual Meeting**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Vacation Bible School Clinic**

May

2-3	Blind Fellowship Retreat, Caraway
2-3	State Church Library Workshop, Caswell

(May continued)

4-11	**Week of Prayer and Special Offering for NC Baptist Hospitals (Mother's Day Offering)**
8	**Region 3 Baptist Men's Rally, Location TBA**
11	**Mother's Day**
12-14	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
16-18	Deaf Youth Retreat, Caraway
16-18	Together in Christ Deaf Conference, Caraway
16-18	Interpreter's Training Program, Caraway
16-17	NC WMUExecutive Board, Mundo Vista
19-21	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
26	**Memorial Day, BSCNC/Assoc. Offices Closed**
26-30	**Senior Adult Conf. By the Sea I, Caswell**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

June

White Lake Campground Ministry Begins

8-9	WMU, SBC Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting, Indianapolis
10-11	**SBC Annual Meeting, Indianapolis**
9-14	Family Fun and Focus, Caswell
15	**Father's Day**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

July

4	**July 4th, BSCNC/Assoc. Offices Closed**
7-9	**Assoc. Staff/BSCNC Retreat, Caraway**
7-12	Deep Impact, Caswell
7-12	World Missions Week, Caswell
11-13	Bi-Vocational Minister's Conference, Caraway
22	Bladen Baptist Association Executive Committee meets, 7:30pm
27-1	Deep Impact, Caswell
27-1	World Missions Week, Caswell
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's Conference**

August

8-10	Lay Renewal Gathering, Caswell
9-10	Local Church Brotherhood Development, Caraway
15-16	Lay Witnessing Conference, Caraway
17	Biblical Recorder Sunday
18-22	Sr. Adult Conference By The Sea II, Caswell
22-23	State Fall S.S. Conference, Ridgecrest
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's Conference**

September

White Lake Campground Ministry Ends

1	**Labor Day**
7-14	**Week of Prayer and Special Offering for North Carolina Missions**
8-10	Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell
12-13	State Fall S. S. Conference, Caswell
12-15	Women's Prayer Evangelism Conference, Ridgecrest
15-17	Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell
15-18	Retirement Choices Conferences
19-20	NC WMU Executive Board Meeting, Mundo Vista
19-20	State Fall Sunday School Conference, Caraway
21-22	Lad/Crusader Camporee, Denton
22-24	Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell
26-27	NCBM Board Meeting, Cary
29-1	Coastal Sr. Adult Retreat, Caswell
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's Conference**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Men's & WMU Annual Training Event/Rally**

October

6-8	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
11-12	RA/Challenger Leadership Training
12	**World Hunger Sunday**
13-15	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
20-22	Fall Senior Adult Conference I, Caraway
20-22	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
22-24	Fall Senior Adult Conference II, Caraway
27-28	**Bladen Baptist Association Annual Meetings**
27-29	Fall Senior Adult Conference III, Caraway
27-29	Coastal Senior Adult Retreat, Caswell
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's Conference**

November

1	Fall Camp Work Day, Mundo Vista
3	**Baptist Women's Day of Prayer**
9-16	**Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Children's Homes**
10-12	**Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Annual Sessions**
20	**Region 3 Baptist Men's Ministry Rally**
24	**M-Night**
27	**Thanksgiving, BSCNC/Assoc. Offices Closed**
30-7	**Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's Conference**

December

Nov. 30-	**Dec. 7 Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**
1-3	Christmas By The Sea, Caswell
3-5	Christmas By The Sea, Caswell
8-10	Christmas By The Sea, Caswell
TBA	WMU Days at Operation Christmas Child
22-26	**Association Office Closed for Week of Christmas**
24-31	BSCNC Offices Closed for Christmas
25	**Christmas**
31	**New Year's Eve**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Pastor's Christmas Party**

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 22. 2007

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on January 22, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. Moderator Scott Lewis called the meeting to order and Rev. Jerry Beck led in devotion and prayer.

The roll call of churches was made by Clerk, Virginia W. Gause. There were twenty-three (23) members and seventeen (17) churches present.

The minutes of the annual meeting held on October 23 – 24, 2006 were recorded in the 2006 Book of Reports. There was a motion made by Rev. Jerry Beck to accept the minutes as printed. Motion received a second and passed.

Reports:

Sunday School: DOM Bruce Cannon reported for Rev. Dewey Jackson. He said that there were would be an Early Bird VBS Clinic held at the Associational office on January 30, 2007, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Lifeway will be on hand to demonstrate materials and answer questions. The Clinic is primarily for Directors and other key VBS workers in the churches.

Discipleship Training: No report

Brotherhood: Mr. Thurman Bass reported. The Baptist Men have been busy with Handyman Ministries this quarter. There has been three ramps built and several other projects have been done in churches throughout the county. Upcoming Events: Work will begin on January 27, 2007 for the Chapel at the Eckerd Youth Camp.

Baptist Men's Day is January 28, 2007 in all our churches.

March 9-10, 2007 is Region 3 Disaster Relief Training. This will be in Pender County and the place will be announced later.

2007 NC Baptist Missions Conference and Baptist Men's Convention will be at Hickory Grove Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. on March 30-31, 2007. The theme this year is SERVE ONE ANOTHER. Registration for reduction price must be made by February 28, 2007.

The self-contained mobile kitchen MANNA ONE was dedicated into service at the Baptist Men's Board Meeting in Asheboro, N.C. on January 20, 2007. This unit can provide 30,000 meals per day. The other two units are equipped to provide 10,000 meals each per day.

Mr. Bass offered his service to anyone needing help with missions in any way.

Music: Rev. Kincy Barrow reported that in mid March there will be a Music Workshop on Saturday morning. It will be for all Directors and Choir members. Rev. Barrow will be teaching the basic fundamental music skills in this workshop. He encouraged good participation in this clinic. Plans are being made for an associational mass choir musical. The tentative plans are for the middle of August. Rev. Barrow plans to use the Experiencing God Musical. It is around seventy minutes in length and he would like to have at least 150 choir members in the presentation. He will be sending out more information to the churches at a later date. He would like to see if he could get the Elizabethtown Middle School Gymnasium for the event. He would like to see all the churches involved in this musical presentation.

WMU; Mrs. Lisa Hester reported. The WMU leadership team met last week at Zion Hill Baptist Church to discuss ideas for the first quarter of 2007. Along with encouraging mission involvement throughout our association one primary goal is to hopefully see more WMU organizations started in our churches this year.

Focus on WMU is scheduled for February 12-18, 2007. She would encourage all churches to set a time aside to recognize Baptist Women and all they contribute. WMU groups should be planning special programs to highlight the past year's events and encourage participation in the various age level groups and missions activities.

The Annual WMU Associational meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2007, 7:00 P.M. at Clarkton First Baptist Church. All ladies and men are invited to attend. The speaker will be DOM Bruce Cannon and the ladies of Clarkton First will provide refreshments following the meeting.

Mrs. Hester offered her services to any church who would need her in missions activities.

Media Library: No report

Annuity: No report

Stewardship: Mr. David Clark presented a printed report for each member for the period of October – December, 2006. He made a motion that the report be accepted. Mr. Charles Wayne Phillips seconded the motion and was passed. See Attached report.

Evangelism: Rev. Michael Skinner reported. The Prayer Conference will be held at Galeed Baptist Church on May 15, 2007 at 8:30 A.M. Dr. Greg Frizzell, Dr. Chris Schofield and Rev. Mike Sparks will be here leading the conference. He encourages everyone to attend. There will be a meal served also. He also said that the plans are being made for the conference to be held in April 2008, and plans are being made for a converted Muslim speaker to be here. The Committee is planning for a county wide evangelism outreach rally in October 2008 at the Elizabethtown Middle School. They have contacted the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and waiting to hear from them.

DOM Report: DOM Bruce Cannon reported. He welcomed the following new pastors to the association: Rev. Wade McLamb (present), Lisbon Baptist Church; Friendship Baptist Church, Rev. Chris Church (was unable to attend due to a death in his family), and Rev. Arthur Smith, Grace Baptist Church, (unable to attend). He also announced that the following churches are without pastors at this time: Beards Chapel, Galeed where Dr. Mack Roberts serves as Interim and New Beginnings.

The Bladen Baptist Association was contacted by Attorney Alan Maynard in 2005 about the possibility of us providing labor for a Chapel to be built on the property at the Eckerd Youth Camp. Mr. Maynard provided building plans and would get back with DOM when final approval is given. This would be a great opportunity for mission work. Several groups of Bladen Baptists have met with the camp staff and talked about how we could help. The structure of the building was discussed and the additional cost to make the building nicer than the original plan would cost around $6,000. The churches have been asked to help and several have already donated around $2,000. The building of the chapel will begin on January 27, 2007 and will continue on the next successive Saturdays. It is estimated to take between four to six work days to complete the structure.

The Bladen Baptist Association, in conjunction with the Bladen Ministerial Alliance, is working on a mentoring Program in the Bladen County School System to help combat the problems of dropout, violence, teen pregnancy and so forth. The process of certifying volunteers is almost complete and word will be going out soon for the need to have volunteers in the schools. Volunteers can work anywhere from daily, once per week, once per month, etc. The school system is a huge, largely untapped ministry field.

World Changers are expected to return to Bladen County from July 14-21, 2007. Host churches will again be needed to adopt crews. Funds will also be needed to work on local projects. If anyone has within the church field area a project, please contact the Association Office to give the necessary information for evaluation.

Seven Bladen Baptist pastors, including the DOM, are taking training through Duke University's Course, "Pastoral Care in Community". Those who complete the course will be certified by the University with credentials which will give more opportunity to minister in the hospital/prison/jail and school setting. The classes meet every other Monday from noon until 4:00 P.M.

The Bladen Baptist Association RA/GA Basketball League has begun playing. . There are forty plus teams in the league again this year. This is an outreach tool which will draw unchurched youth and families into the local churches. The players have to attend church weekly during the length of the league. Many have come to know Christ as a result of this ministry.

The VBS Early Bird Clinic will be held at the Association Office Tuesday evening, January 30, 2007, at 7:00 P.M. Lifeway will be present to demonstrate the materials and answer questions. This clinic is primarily for the Directors and key VBS folks in the churches.

Mission Development: Rev. Walter Hayes talked about Men's Basketball Teams. This year all the games will be played at the Elizabethtown Baptist Church Gym. There were ten teams.

On the first night of the games there were about 300 people present. The Elizabethtown Baptist Church has organized a Ministry team and they are at work at the games.

Rev. Hayes emphasized that Leisure Ministry is extended beyond White Lake. They minister to between 5,000 – 6,000 people in eight different camp grounds at White Lake. There are eight services on Sunday morning starting at 9:00 – 10:00 o'clock. There are six camp grounds that have singing on Saturday night and two part time chaplains who pass out tracts and minister. They walk through the camp grounds. He told of life inspiring experiences from some of the campers. He encouraged any of the churches who have any type of ministry they could share at the camp grounds to contact him. Bladen Leisure Ministry has the tools also for any church to use to minister to people.

Special Committee Report: Rev. Boyd Britt, Chairman of Ordination Committee reported. There will be an ordination service on February 11, 2007 at Riverside Baptist Church for Mr. Amos Smith to be ordained. Everyone is invited to attend the service. Also the Ordination Committee is trying to revive the Pastor's Conference. They have mailed out questionaires to the pastors and appreciate the response they have received. The first meeting will

be February 20, 2007, 9:00 0'clock at Clarkton First Baptist Church. Rev. Larry Pittman said there will be breakfast served. There is a program and music planned.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Moderator Lewis asked for nominations for a new parliamentarian . Rev. Jerry Beck nominated Rev. Richard Smith. There was a second and passed unanimously.

DOM Cannon passed out a Bulletin regarding SOUTHEASTERN CAROLINA CROSSROADS. This is a Faith Based, Extended Care, Substance Abuse Recovery Ministry and Baptist Foundation. They are working with the Baptist Children's Home and Baptist Foundation, Baptist Hospital and asking for others to help. The Mission Statement is: "The purpose of this ministry is to provide a nonprofit, residential, recovery assistance program that addresses the needs of substance abusing and/or dual diagnosed adults. This program will emphasize and utilize Christian principles. Recognition of emotional needs requiring a therapeutic environment and mental health support is vital to this mission. Our method will be simple – to show love. While holding the individual accountable for the lifestyle adjustments they are attempting to make, we will strive to instill pride in each individual by having the highest Christian standards. Our goal is to make each client feel loved, needed, and welcomed.

Our lawn, flower, and vegetable gardens will show the wonder and beauty of our Lord while the inside shall be spotless as fresh fallen snow with the warmth and love that will make it glow. Our home shall be a model home for all to see what Christ can do through love; a model home of beauty inside and out."

DOM Cannon is associated with the planning. This foundation is seeking a place to be able to have a physical address, phone and somewhere to meet. DOM brought this before the Executive Meeting to see if they could meet in the conference room of the Associational office until they can build the facility. The land has been donated. Rev. Jerry Beck made the motion to allow the foundation to meet at the Associational Office and Rev. Richard Smith second the motion and it passed with no opposition.

Rev. Jerry Beck invited everyone to come over to The Cowboy Church in Bladenboro on March 13, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. for the one year anniversary of the church. There will be a meal served.

Moderator Lewis asked Rev. Wade McLamb, Lisbon Baptist Church pastor to have the devotion at the next meeting, which will be held on April 17, 2007.

Rev. Richard Smith made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and it received a second and so carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Moderator – Rev. Scott Lewis

Clerk – Virginia W. Gause

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

APRIL 17, 2007

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on April 17, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. with Moderator Scott Lewis presiding. Rev. Wade McLamb gave the devotion and led in prayer.

The roll call was made by the clerk, Virginia W. Gause. There were twelve (12) churches represented and sixteen (16) present.

There were no corrections to the minutes that had been mailed to each board and were approved.

REPORTS:

Sunday School: The Bladen Baptist Association Vacation Bible School Clinic is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22, 2007 at Center Road Baptist Church. There will be a dinner from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. The clinic is for all directors, teachers and workers.

Discipleship Training: No report

Brotherhood: Moderator Lewis presented the following report: The Baptist Men have been busy with Handyman Ministries this quarter. There have been several projects completed by different churches. Work was started on the Echerd Youth Prayer Chapel on January 27, 2007 and has been completed. The dedication ceremony for the Chapel will be April 21, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. at the chapel.

There will be a short service and a tour of the campsite. Everyone is invited to attend.

Region 3 NCBM Missions Rally will be Thursday, May 10, 2007 at First Baptist Church, Wallace, N. C. Anyone planning to attend must register by May 2, 2007. Telephone # is 800-395-5102.

Rev. Michael Skinner also announced that Rev. Larry Hayes, Pastor of Good News Church, was welcoming anyone to help with the inside frame work of their new building.

WMU: Mrs. Lisa Hester gave the following report: Mrs. Hester has spoken at five churches focusing on WMU. The North American Missions Emphasis and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering was promoted during this quarter.

The State WMU leadership training will be offered on April 21, 2007 in Asheboro.

The Annual WMU Associational meeting will be Thursday, April 26, 2007, 7:00 P.M. at Clarkton Baptist Church. The speaker will be Rev. Bruce Cannon and there will be two missionaries from Kenya, Dr. Rowland Myburgh and Dr. Andre Delport. They represent Hands on Mission Africa, who work with some of the poorest people on earth through Bible Schools, Orphanages and Medical Clinics.

Mrs. Hester asked for prayer for a local young lady, Nikki Johnson, who will be serving in Africa through the North Carolina Baptist State Convention as a summer missionary. She is graduating from Appalachian University in May and will be leaving the first of June to work with "Door of Hope" orphanage in South Africa.

Music: Rev. Kincy Barrow reported: The music workshop was held a few weeks ago and there were eight people who attended. There will be another workshop in about three months. Rev. Barrow is planning an associational wide musical, "Experiencing God" presentation, to be held at Bladen Middle School in Elizabethtown in late August. He would like to have at least one-hundred in the choir and encouraged all churches to have representation. He would like to order the music in about two weeks and need to know who will be participating. Telephone: 874-1525 and 645-4646.

Media/Library: No Report

Annuity: No Report

Missions Development: No Report

Stewardship: Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts presented the Treasurer's report in the form of a motion that it be accepted. It was approved unanimously as printed.

Evangelism: Rev. Michael Skinner reported that the Multi-Associational Prayer Conference led by Dr. Greg Frizzell and Dr. Chis Schofield will be held at the Galeed Baptist Church on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 from 8:30 A.M. until 2:30 P.M. Lunch will be provided by the BSCNC. This conference is for pastors and other key leaders in the local congregation. Contact the Associational office as soon as possible if anyone plans to attend. They need the count by April 30th. Plans are continuing for the conference in April, 2008 for the Muslim speaker and in October, 2008 a county wide outreach rally to be held in the Elizabethtown Middle School. The committee continues to make contact with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association to get a speaker for the event. He also said that he was in contact

with the State Convention hoping to have decision/counselor training prior to this event. The goal is to reach as many as we can in Bladen County for Christ.

DOM Report: Rev. Boyd Britt gave report for DOM Cannon. The following churches are without a pastor: Beards Chapel, Bethel, Galeed (Dr. Mack Roberts serves there as Interim), New Beginnings and White Lake. Rev. Philip Blinson resigned White Lake and will be leaving on May 20, 2007.

He also mentioned the Eckerd Youth Camp Chapel that was completed. See Brotherhood report for more details.

The Bladen Baptist Association is supporting the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina by collecting food for their Annual Food Drive. Foods must be received in the Association Office by Thursday, April 19, 2007.

He also announced the WMU Annual meeting on April 26th. See WMU report for more details. The emphasis is Live the Call.

He announced the Multi-Associational Prayer Conference to be on May 15th. See Evangelism report for more details.

The Annual Baccalaureate Services will be held at both High Schools on Wednesday, May 30, 2007. These are outstanding opportunities for us to thank the Lord on the campuses where our students attend. He encouraged support to our students who have faithfully stood for the Lord by moving our prayer services to the school gymnasiums that night.

The World Changers Project for Bladen County was cancelled due to a lack of youth groups signing up to participate in the project. However, there are still families that need help in Bladen County. Plans are to organize a group of youth from Bladen County. Our hope is to have between 50-100 youth, or more, who are willing to work on these local projects during the week of July 14th through 21st. Evening worship services are geared toward reaching youth and will be presented each night. The teams will stay at the Bladenboro Middle School and the estimated cost per youth will be $100.00 (compared to the $275.00 per youth with World Changers).

Dr. Rowland Myburgh and Dr. Andre Delport, Hands on Mission Africa, will be in the Bladen Association from April 26-30, 2007. They will be speaking at the Annual WMU Meeting on April 26th, New South River Annual WMU Meeting on April 28th, Shady Grove Baptist Church and White Oak Baptist Church during the morning worship service on April 29th, Riverside Baptist Church and Tar Heel Baptist Church during evening worship services on April 29th and Galeed Baptist Church on Monday evening at 7:00. He said the missionaries are free on May 27th and if anyone would like for them to speak at their church to let him know.

See You at the Pole is scheduled for September 26, 2007 and will be observed at each of the County's School campuses. Please contact DOM if anyone would like to help coordinate these prayer services.

Plans for the faith-based, substance abuse treatment facility in Region 3 known as "Southeastern Carolina Crossroads" continue. The facility will probably be in Bladen County because of its central proximity in the region. There are an estimated number of 900,000 people who live in Region 3 with an estimated 5% or 45,000, having substance abuse problems.

DOM continues to emphasize that the largest mission field in Bladen County is our Public School System. An effort is underway to establish a mentoring ministry in the schools to help those youth struggling to learn and who are at the greatest risk for dropout, drug abuse, alcoholism and teen pregnancy. An Educational Summit is being planned for August to get this ministry in operation.

Special Committee Report: None

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts brought the recommendation from the Bladen Baptist Association Nominating Committee effective January 1, 2008 as follows:

Leadership Position	
Moderator	Rev. Scott Lewis
Vice-Moderator	Rev. Boyd Britt
Clerk	Mrs. Virginia W. Gause
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Wendy Cannon
Treasurer	Mr. David Clark

Historian Mrs. Ethelene Barnes
Auditor Mr. David Edge
Sunday School Rev. Dewey Jackson
Discipleship Training Vacant
WMU Director Mrs. Lisa Hester
Baptist Men's Director Mr. Thurman Bass
Music Director Rev. Kincy Barrow
Evangelism Rev. Michael Skinner
Missions Development Rev. Walter Hayes

The recommendation from the nominating committee was approved unanimously.

Rev. Kincy Barrow presented the Angel Food Ministries to the board and indicated that Whites Creek Baptist Church was the host for this area and is a distribution center for the ministry. He invited anyone interested in purchasing the food to let him know.

Rev. Michael Skinner Volunteered to have the devotion for the July meeting.

Rev. Kincy Barrow made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Moderator, Scott Lewis

Clerk, Virginia W. Gause

Executive Board Meeting

July 17, 2007

The Executive Board met at the Bladen Baptist Association Center on July 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Scott Lewis presiding. The meeting was called to order and Rev. Michael Skinner led in devotion and prayer.

Moderator Lewis asked the clerk to make a list of the churches who had not had a representative at the last three meetings. A letter will be mailed to these churches.

The roll call was made by Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk. There were twenty-six (26) members and nineteen (19) churches present.

January 2007 Minutes: Rev. Walter Hayes made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. A copy had been mailed to each member. A second was received to the motion and was approved.

Reports:

Sunday School: No report

Discipleship: No report

Brotherhood: Mr. Thurman Bass reported. The Baptist Men have been busy with Handyman Ministries this quarter. There have been several projects completed by different churches. There have been 12 wheelchair ramps built. There are others in the process of being built and have more request pending. Funds are available to pay for the needed material. This is a great mission project for the youth. Any church interested in building some of these ramps please call him.

Upcoming Brotherhood Events: August 10-11, 2007 the Local Church Brotherhood Leadership Development Training will be held at Caraway Conference Center, Asheboro, N. C. The cost per person is $60.00 The area of training is RA, Challengers and Baptist Men/Men's Ministries. Mr. Bass strongly encourages leaders of these groups to go for this training.

On September 20, 2007 the 4th Annual Baptist Men/WMU Training Rally will be at Clarkton First Baptist Church. Richard Brunson, Executive Director of N. C. Baptist Men will be the guest speaker for the men. A meal will be provided. There were 150 attending last year.

September is also the month for the N. C. Missions Offering. Every church is encouraged to participate in this offering.

Music: DOM reported for Rev. Kincy Barrow. He stated that more singers were needed for the associational choir. They only have around 60 at this time. The musical, Experiencing God, will be presented on Friday and Saturday, October 12th and 13th.

WMU: Mrs. Lisa Hester reported. WMU currently has several projects on-going. A letter was sent out to WMU directors asking for help in collecting stamps, envelopes, hygiene products, educational supplies, scrap book supplies, small paper bags, socks and baked goods for Camp Etiketu. They currently have 47 youth and are planning a camper appreciation day for August 1, 2007. These items will be placed in gift bags and given to each camper. Anything collected can be turned into the associational office by July 30th.

Another project approaching is the Gifts for Inmates – Red Boxes. Our association will be assisting NC WMU by collecting solid or roll-on deodorant in 2.0 or 3.5 ounce size plastic bottles. These along with other items collected throughout the state will help provide gifts to approximately 1500 women inmates in North Carolina Correctional Institute for Women and Raleigh Correctional Center for Women. Our goal is to collect 300 bottles of deodorant and they are due at the associational office by Friday, October 19th.

The North Carolina Mission Offering and Week of Prayer is September 9-16. The theme is "Are You Listening" and the Bible verse is "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear." Luke 8:8. The goal is set at $2.6 million. Every church is asked to promote and encourage participation in this offering through prayer and sacrificial giving. It is a vital lifeline not only for WMU but for Baptist Men and provides the funding that makes it possible to equip and enable N.C. Baptist in missions.

Mrs. Hester encouraged all WMU leaders in every age level to attend the training Rally on September 20th. There are some age level changes and it is important for all mission leaders to be present.

Media/Library: No report

Annuity: No report

Missions Development: No report

Stewardship: Mr. David Clark presented the treasurer's report in the form of a motion for acceptance as printed. A second was made and was carried with unanimous vote. He also presented the budget for approval from the Budget Committee. This item of business will be taken care of during New Business.

At this time Mr. Clark welcomed Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts who tendered her resignation as the Administrative Assistant to the Bladen Baptist Association effective August 10, 2007.

Mr. Clark expressed his regret and expressed his thanks for all the work that Mrs. Roberts had done and indicated she will be missed by everyone. Mr. Clark made a motion that Mrs. Roberts resignation be accepted and received a second and so carried.

Evangelism: Mr. Michael Skinner reported. Plans are continuing for the Associational Prayer Conference to be held April 19 and 20, 2008. They are in the process of obtaining a former Muslim, who has converted to Christianity. They are also planning a Fall Evangelism Conference. They will have an evangelist and a speaker for which they are making the plans now.

Rev. Skinner introduced Mr. Gary McMillan, who is representing a ministry known as "Dirt Racing For Jesus." They began this ministry in March, 2007 at the Dublin Motor Speedway. They are at the race on Friday night witnessing for Jesus. Their goal is to reach people for Jesus and to educate the young people about our Savior, Jesus Christ. The highlights of their ministry is praying for the race car drivers, giving them prayer support, witnessing to anyone, passing out gospel tracts, crosses, inspirational magnets, cars, Jesus videos, Bibles and prizes to the lucky ones and candy to the children. They are having Bible classes for the children.

Their funds come from donations. They are in need of financial support and would like to have the prayerful and financial support from the Association. He passed out a "needs list". They would also be glad to go to any church and explain their ministry.

DOM Report: DOM Cannon reported on the following items:

Annual meeting: White Lake on 10-29-07 and Suggs Grove 10-30-07.

Hispanic Work: Deconstruction and Construction to begin very soon at the Good Shepherd Church. Workers are needed to help tear out the existing parsonage and kitchen areas. The new construction will allow for a seating capacity of around 299.

SECC Report: Land is in the process of being secured. A board of directors has been seated. Grants have been applied for.

Wheelchair Ramps: Around 12 have been built in the last couple of weeks. There are others who have requested help.

ECU Ministry: Nick Jones is a campus minister at ECU. He is a local young man, having grown up around the White Oak area. He is asking for financial support. A packet was passed around that has information if anyone would like to help financially.

Home Delivered Meals: Joan Allen is in need of 10 volunteers around the Bladenboro area and 10 around Elizabethtown to deliver meals to homebound persons. Each volunteer would deliver meals roughly one hour every two weeks. If volunteers are not secured the program will have to be suspended. A main purpose of the program is to "check on" the residents. Some will have no other contact during the day.

See You At The Pole: Scheduled for Wednesday, September 26th. Volunteers are needed to adopt a school.

First Baptist Church in Bladenboro is going to Belize for a 10 day mission trip, leaving around 7-27.

Galeed, along with youth from a few other churches, has gone on two World Changers trips, one to Tampa Bay and the other to the Tallahassee area.

The following churches are without pastors: Beards Chapel, Bethel, Galeed, New Beginnings, Tar Heel and White Lake. All have interims serving except for Beards Chapel and Bethel.

Unfinished Business: None

Special Committee Report: Rev. Walter Hayes encouraged good participation at the Praise Him Festival to be held at Melwood Music Park, White Lake on August 11, 2007. There will be eight musical groups participating throughout the day. There will be a free will offering taken up to go toward the singers expenses, prayer and an

invitation that will occur several times. Everyone should bring their lounge chair. If any church would like to set up a booth for food to sell let him know. All proceeds would go to the church. They need at least two churches that would be willing to do this.

Rev. Hayes said that they are busy with the White Lake Leisure Ministry this summer and they are seeing good things happening. He continues to ask any church who has a group or any type of ministry they would like to bring to the camp site to contact him.

New Business: Mr. David Clark made a motion that the budget for 2007-2008 be approved as presented. The motion received a second and was approved.

Mr. Clark made a motion that Mrs. Wendy Cannon be hired as Administrative Assistant with a salary of $16,392.68 and two weeks per year vacation. The motion coming from a committee needed no second and was carried with an unanimous vote.

Dirt Racing for Jesus Ministry: Rev. Michael Skinner made a motion that Bladen Baptist Association support this ministry. They would be under the watch care of the Evangelism Committee. After much discussion regarding what support would be given, Rev. Larry Hayes made a motion that we help them financially with $550.00. This motion was approved.

South Africa: DOM talked about sending a 40 foot container filled with clothing, Bibles, linens, children's books, encyclopaedias, medical supplies and so forth.

Preacher & Place Committee: Moderator Lewis appointed the following to this committee: Rev. Larry Pittman, Rev. Danny Lewis and Rev. Richard Smith.

Resolution: Appointment was made for the following to be on this committee: Rev. Currie Long, Rev. Boyd Britt and Rev. Larry Hayes.

Enrollment Committee: White Lake Baptist Church pastor, Rev. Walter Hayes and Clerk, Suggs Grove Baptist Church pastor, Rev. Barry Swain and clerk and the associational clerk.

Associational Directory 2008 & Officers, Program Leaders and Committees: DOM presented this report from the Nominating Committee. Rev. Richard Smith made a motion that we accept as presented. Motion approved.

Calendar 2008: Presented by the DOM and approved with no opposition

Rev. Jerry Beck thanked everyone for their prayers and concerns for Mrs. Ruby Beck during her recent illness.

Rev. Richard Smith volunteered to have the devotion at the January 2008 meeting.

There being no further business, Rev. Richard Smith made a motion at 8:35 p.m. that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted:

Moderator, Rev. Scott Lewis

Clerk, Mrs. Virginia W. Gause

Director of Missions Report - 2007

Every year I begin my DOM Report the same way, "This has been a good year in the life and ministries of the Bladen Baptist Association." That statement is true this year as well. This report gives me opportunity to share some of the great things that have taken place in the life of the Association as Churches partner together to do what one could not possibly do alone.

We began this year by sending several teams to Gulfport to continue with the Disaster Recovery effort there. The work at Gulfport is still ongoing. The North Carolina Baptist Men increased the number of homes we pledged to "re-build" from 600 to 700. There are less than 100 homes left, but there is still a need for teams to help.

Another big focus for us early this year was the construction of a Prayer Chapel at the Eckerd Youth Camp (Camp Etiketu). The camp was able to purchase the building materials but, because of lack of funds, needed the labor donated. Men from several of our Bladen Baptist Churches gathered most Saturdays from January to March to work on this effort. In the process we were also able to interact with the youth who stay there. Services are held at the Prayer Chapel weekly.

One of the great passions on my heart is to work in our County School System to help at risk students....students whose grades are not up to par or who just need a little love and attention. This door is wide open. The superintendent and principals are asking for our help. Many students are those who do not really have a positive role mode to guide them. Without a little love and attention these children could very easily be involved with drugs and alcohol or could drop out of school. But with a little love and attention these children can thrive and be good citizens in our society.

An effort is also underway to construct and operate a faith-based substance abuse treatment facility in Eastern North Carolina. Several of the Board of Directors are members of the Bladen Baptist Association. The facility would be constructed in or near Bladen County and would serve to help meet the needs of the estimated 5% to 9% of the population who have substance abuse problems (50,000 to 90,000 persons living in what is known as Region 3 of the North Carolina Baptist Convention). Grants have been applied for and land is being sought. Hopefully ground-breaking can take place in 2008.

Currently the Bladen Baptist Association is involved in sending a twenty-foot or forty-foot cargo container to Kenya/Malawi. This effort came about as a result of previous contact with two South African born missionaries who operate Medical Clinics and Orphanages, and who have a Seminary Training Program endorsed through the Jacksonville Baptist Theological Seminary. The container will be loaded with clothing, bedding, medical supplies and equipment, Bibles, children's books and games, and so forth. The money for this effort was donated by a few local individuals and Churches. The container should be shipped out of our area around the end of November or early December and arrive in Mombassa, Kenya around forty days later.

This year's ***See You At The Pole*** was the largest ever. An estimated 3,633 students, faculty and guests prayed around the flagpoles of our county school campuses on Wednesday, September 26th. In preparation for this event a Rally was held at West Bladen High School on Sunday, September 23rd. It was well attended as well. We are very thankful for everyone's support.

Thurman Bass and I went to Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville on Saturday, October 13th to take training in ***Operation Inasmuch***, a state-wide, one-day handyman missions effort scheduled for April 19, 2008. This will be a big missions focus for the Bladen Baptist Association in 2008. On that day we hope to have most, if not all, of our Churches involved in handyman ministries. Thousands can be helped across the state that day and many souls can be led to Christ through meeting needs such as these.

Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts resigned her position as Administrative Assistant of the Bladen Baptist Association effective Friday, August 10th. Mrs. Roberts served the Association and our Lord very well in that capacity for thirteen years. We are very grateful for her efforts and pray the Lord's blessings on her as she seeks God's further plans for her life.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege and honor of serving as your Director of Missions. I am very humbled and thankful to serve our Lord in this capacity. Pray with me that we can take full advantage of those opportunities presented unto us by our Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce E. Cannon, Director of Missions

Sunday School Report
2007

As we draw near to the end of another church/association year I can't help but feel that as fellow laborers together that there is an outstanding fact that goes without saying–"We, as Baptist, have come together and purposed in our hearts that Sunday School is a very important part of our church." Important how? The true purpose of Sunday School is to study the Word of God together in true fellowship. I'm reminded of what the apostle Paul said in his letter to Timothy, *"…*[scripture] *is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly finished unto all good works.* ***(2 Timothy 3:16-17)***. We must take stock of our Sunday Schools throughout the "Bladen Baptist Association" and ask ourselves if our current Sunday School is meeting the need of God first and then the people of God. If we meet the requirements of God then it goes without saying that we will meet the need of all Christians regardless of their current station in life. This past year has presented itself to me with many questions regarding the churches of the association. At this point I still have many questions and concerns regarding my fellow counterparts at the church level. One thing is certain as we continue to pray for each other and our churches it is now time to take an important step of faith arising from the knees of prayer and upon arising begin to walk the prayerful path of active service.
Till "HE" Comes, Dewey C. Jackson

PS. I came upon the following article and feel that it is important that my fellow servants across the association be made aware of it's content since it came from the heart of our State Sunday School Director, Phil Stone.

As your state Sunday School Director, I'm on a mission to help the Sunday school regain its R.E.A.L. purpose. Testimonies from pastors, ministers of education and Sunday school directors and teachers just like you have all confirmed to me that in many churches Sunday school has become a closed group whose purpose is biblical knowledge and fellowship with each other. In other words, Sunday school has become a members' only club.

My mission, and I hope you'll join me in it, is to open the Sunday school back up to its original purpose as the primary ministry strategy of the church for building Relationships with people and connecting them to a small group, for doing Evangelism, for Assimilating people into the church, and for Life-Changing Bible study. Sunday school, as a ministry strategy, has as its biblical foundation Deuteronomy 31:12 and Matthew 28:19-20. These are the two Great Commissions of the Bible, and they challenge us to Gather the people and to Go…and teach. The ultimate end in both passages is …that they may observe. That means Sunday school's goal is to be life-changing....

Here's my heart: Sunday school is not all about us; it's not just about those already attending. Sunday school is not an internally focused church program. It's externally focused; it's all about those not yet coming. Sunday school is more than a program that must be kept alive or a Sunday morning event; it's a ministry strategy, a way of living as the "body of Christ". It's about being the "presence of Christ" in our world. Sunday school is not a closed group for in-depth Bible study where disciples come to grow "fat on the Word", but rather it is an inclusive, open ministry through which growing disciples "do" discipleship by building relationships (with people in their world) into friendships, and then connecting and assimilating those new friends in a small, open group where they can find compassion, hope, and community; a ministry for the whole person; a welcoming, open environment where they can discover a personal relationship with Christ and experience life-changing Bible study.

Does that describe your Sunday school? If not, join me on this mission to open Sunday school up to its R.E.A.L. purpose again. I'm convinced that together we can do it, but it will take re-training our leadership. Look at the training opportunities provided on this web site. There should be a learning experience near you. Come and bring your leaders.

Remember those neat little billboards you see on the highway; they're little messages from GOD that say:

Don't make me come down there. ***God***
Does the road you're on lead to my house? ***God***
Come to my house, and bring the kids. ***God***
I'm in the Book. ***God***
Keep using those words and I'll make rush-hour longer. ***God***

I'd like to see another one written.

Hey Sunday School, Let's open this thing back up. ***God***

That's my vision for Sunday School in North Carolina. That's what I see as the R.E.A.L. Purpose of the Sunday school. I ask for your prayers and partnership as we work together to "Open this thing back up!"

Let's pray to that end.

Phil Stone
State Sunday School Director

Woman's Missionary Union
Report 2007

WMU continues to commit to stay faithful to its history and its work of equipping individuals to understand, embrace and live a missions lifestyle for God. The areas of missions focus: to pray for missions, engage in mission actions and witnessing, learn about missions, support missions, develop spiritually toward a missions lifestyle and participate in the work of the church and denomination, continue to be the guide for all churches as they provide an atmosphere for missions education and growth.

Focus on WMU was observed during the month of February. Our leadership team spoke at five different churches emphasizing WMU and the contributions of Baptist women.

The Bladen Associational Annual WMU meeting was hosted by Clarkton First Baptist Church and learning about missions was the primary goal as two missionaries representing Hands on Mission Africa inspired us about their mission field of Kenya, Africa.

During the year our WMU organizations recognized and promoted several special missions offering including the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering & week of prayer, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering & week of prayer and the North Carolina Missions Offering. Financial support and prayer support for all out missionaries and personnel continue to be a primary objective of WMU.

Several projects throughout the year were promoted by the associational WMU including a collection of hygiene products and educational supplies for Camp Etiketu, Gifts for Inmates – Red Boxes Ministry in which 300 bottles of deodorant were collected to give to female inmates in Raleigh correctional facilities, hosting a retirement reception for Mrs. Ella Rae Roberts held at Zion Hill Baptist Church, supporting and promoting the annual Baptist Children's Home food drive and providing training and encouragement for church WMU organizations at the annual WMU Training Rally held at Clarkton First Baptist Church.

Many church Woman Missionary Unions have participated in and supported missions projects throughout the association including providing school supplies for needy children, making shawls & quilts, knitting caps for newborns for the county hospital, making pillows for cancer & heart patients, collecting Bibles, canceled stamps and medicine bottles to give to various missions organizations, supporting Operation Christmas Child and Baptist Children's Home, starting a bread ministry to witness to un-churched members of the community and continuing to support and operate the WMU Thrift Store.

Missions is the work of God through His people, the church. If at anytime the associational WMU leadership team can be of help please feel free to contact us.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa L. Hester

Associational WMU Director

The position of Discipleship Training Director was not filled this year. The Director of Missions and Administrative Assistant served to coordinate Discipleship Training events such as M-Night, held in November.

One big component of Discipleship Training for the Bladen Baptist Association is Bible Drills. Bible Drills are an excellent way to teach and train youth and children in the Scriptures. Mrs. Etta Smith and Mrs. Doris Brisson have served as Bible Drill Leaders for a good number of years. We are very grateful for their service. Mrs. Jennifer Carter, Tar Heel Baptist Church, has accepted this role for the current year. Jennifer has a lot of ideas about Bible Drills and knows the value of using them to train youth and children. Please pray for her as she undertakes this role. Also, please consider having Bible Drills for your youth and children. The process of getting started is simple. The Association Office has materials which can be used to start, and conduct, them.

M-Night was held at the Butters Baptist Church in November 2006. Dr. Mack Roberts brought the message and did an outstanding job. The service was well attended. Afterwards a great time of fellowship was enjoyed by all with Butters providing finger foods and other types of refreshments.

M-Night will be held this year on Monday, November 19th. A location will be announced at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Bruce E. Cannon, Director of Missions

Ordination Council Report 2007

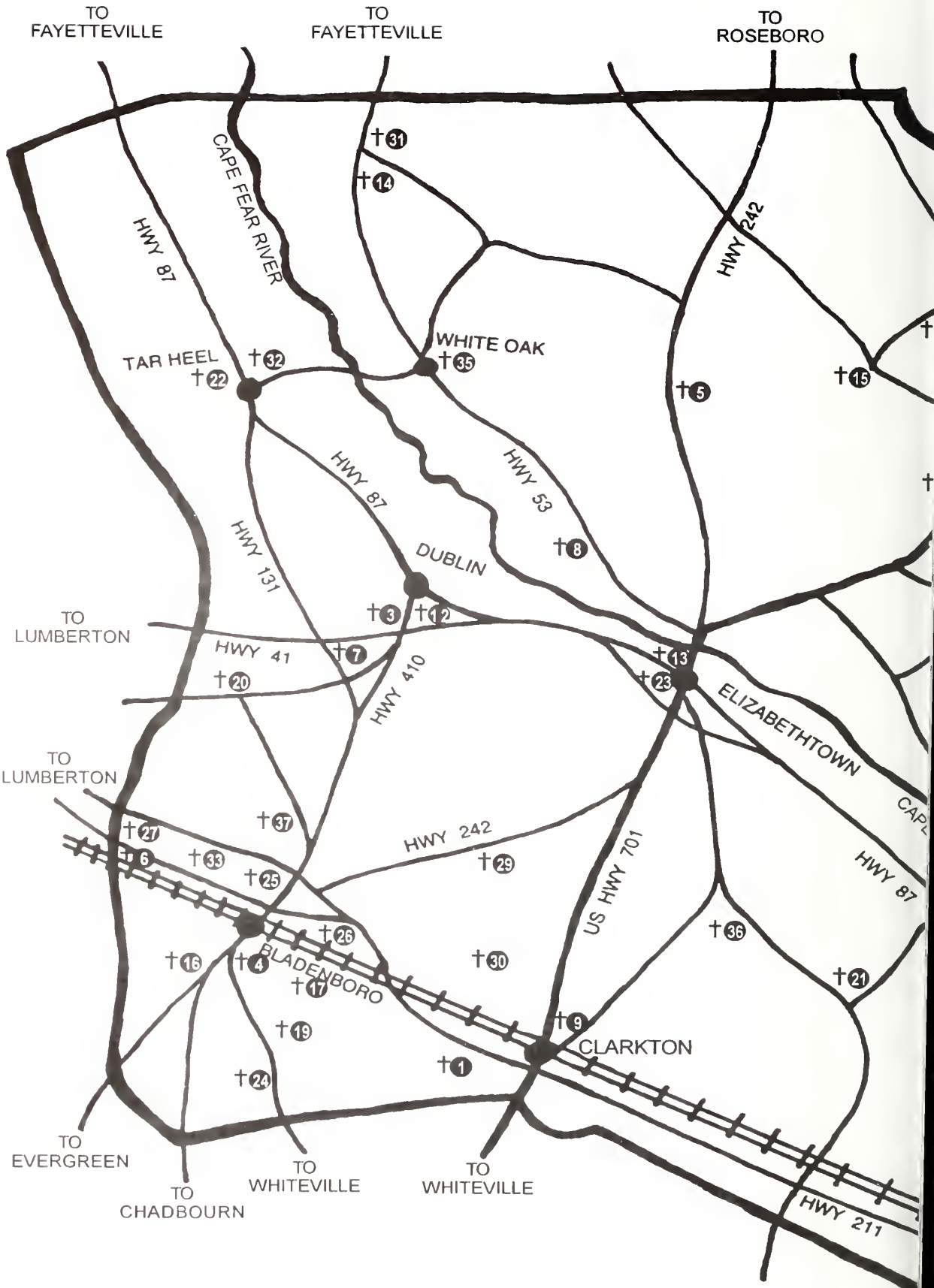
The Ordination Council of the Bladen Baptist Association stands ready to assist Churches in questioning and recommending any member of the local congregation for ordination who has given evidence of being called by God to the Gospel Ministry, has been licensed by their Church and called to a pastoral position.

Members of the Council include: Rev. Boyd Britt (Chairman), Rev. Cameron McGill, Rev. Greg Packer, Mr. Lynn Johnson, Dr. Mack Roberts, Rev. Scott Lewis (Moderator) and Rev. Bruce Cannon (Director of Missions).

Two requests came to the Council this year. Riverside Baptist Church in Harrells asked the Council to question Rev. Amos Smith and New Beginnings Fellowship asked the Council to question Rev. Rodney McMillan and make recommendation back to them. Each of the two candidates were questioned on a variety of topics including their salvation experience, call to ministry, and beliefs in the traditional doctrines Baptist hold dear. The Council was very satisfied with the answers given by both candidates.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Boyd Britt, Chairman
Ordination Council of the Bladen Baptist Association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Churches of
The Bladen Baptist Association

1. ABBOTTSBURG
2. BEARDS CHAPEL
3. BETHEL
4. BLADENBORO, FIRST
5. BRIAR BRANCH
6. BUTTERS
7. CENTER ROAD
8. CHRIST COMMUNITY
9. CLARKTON, FIRST
10. COUNCIL
11. CYPRESS CREEK
12. DUBLIN, FIRST
13. ELIZABETHTOWN
14. FAITH
15. FRIENDSHIP
16. GALEED
17. GOOD NEWS
18. GOOD SHEPHERD
19. GRACE
20. HICKORY GROVE
21. LISBON
22. LOVE GROVE
23. NEW BEGINNINGS
24. NEW CENTER
25. NORTHSIDE
26. PEACE
27. RICHARDSON
28. RIVERSIDE
29. SANDY GROVE
30. SHADY GROVE
31. SUGGS GROVE
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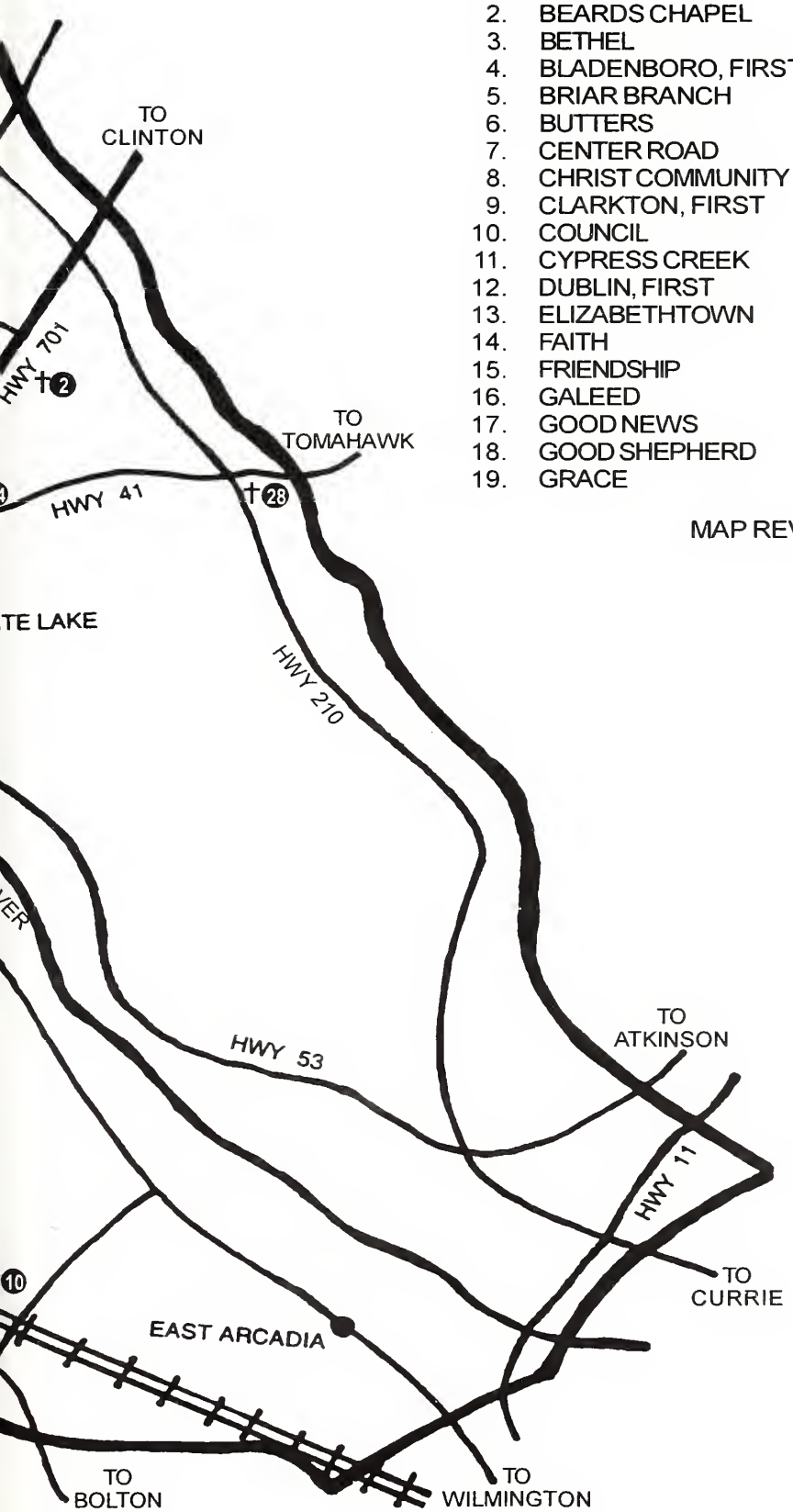

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

2007

Handyman Ministries have kept the Baptist Men busy during this year. Over 30 handicap ramps have been built. Numerous home repair jobs have been done.

On January 27, 2007 Eckerd Youth Camp Prayer Chapel construction project began. Many volunteers worked long hours. April 21, 2007 at 11:00 am the Chapel was dedicated.

One team went to Vermont on the Partnership Mission trip.

September 20 Clarkton First Baptist hosted the fourth annual Leadership Training event for the Bladen Baptist Men and WMU. Eighteen churches were represented with more than 106 in attendance. This event was a huge success.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Region 3 NCBM Men's Ministry Rally will be November 8, 2007 at Snyder Memorial Baptist Church in Fayetteville NC. This begins at 6:00 pm and includes a meal.

April 19, 2008 State Wide Missions Blitz Operation In-as-much challenges churches statewide to help meet needs in their community.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Baptist Men's Director. If I may help you regarding missions in any way please feel free to call on me.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thurman W. Bass

Association Baptist Men's Director

Music Report 2007

Music is where the arts and the sciences meet. Sacred music is where the heart of man expresses and rejoices in the greatness of God. As Associational Music Director it has been my pleasure this year to work with some of our finest singers and music directors from across the Bladen Baptist Association. In March 2007 an associational choir clinic was held at White's Creek Baptist Church. Four churches were represented at this three-hour, basics of music workshop with a total of 12 participants. On June 2nd I traveled to White Oak Baptist Church to conduct a workshop for the White Oak Choir. Ten choir members as well as the music director participated. The Summer has been a busy time as we have formed an Associational Choir and spent a great deal of time and energy preparing for the Musical, "Experiencing God" which, by the time of this meeting, will have been presented on October 12th and 13th at Galeed Baptist Church. For clinics or workshops customized to the needs of your church or music program, I am available and anxious to assist for the new year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Kincy Barrow

Associational Director of Music

Missions Development/Leisure Ministry Report

We have reached the end of another year in Leisure Ministry. Many souls were touched this year by the hard work done by so many people. My prayer to God is that He will reward everyone who participated in these ministries more than I can even began to think about . God knows every prayer request, every sickness, every broken heart, and every lost soul that came to Bladen County last season. If we continue to pray God will meet the needs of each and every one of these who experienced Him through the Gospel Singings, Campground Services and the other events that took place around White Lake and throughout our county. If you need help doing some kind of ministry please give me a call (910-863-6511or 910-316-9262).

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Walter Hayes

WHITE LAKE LEISURE MINISTRY
SUMMER 2007

CAMPSITES	NUMBER OF SERVICES	ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS
HAROLDS	13	196	15	$ 262.00
LANGSTON	14	398	28	919.00
MARSHBURN	12	100	8	170.50
TAR HEEL	12	68	6	153.00
TOTALS	51	762	15	$1,504.50

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE WORKERS THIS SUMMER. KEITH DOWD, TOMMY BRYAN, JOHN DENSON AND STEVE YARBROUGH, DONATED THEIR TIME AND MILEAGE TO THE MINISTRY.

EXPENDITURES

RAY BLEDSOLE (MILEAGE)	350.00	THE FRONT PORCH (MEAL)	57.00
BRADLEY BUTLER (MILEAGE)	400.00	BLOOD CONNECTED (SINGER)	175.00
WALTER HAYES (MILEAGE)	640.80	DOUG STRICKLAND "	175.00
DAVID BISHOP (MILEAGE)	25.00	THE JOHNSON'S "	175.00
SIGNLOGIC (PLAQUES)	51.24	GLAD "	175.00
WSTS (ADVERTISING)	500.00	THE TYLER FAMILY "	175.00
WGQR (ADVERTISING)	500.00	GONE FISHING "	175.00
DAVID FAIRCLOTH (SOUND)	500.00	TONY GIBSON "	175.00
SINGLETARY'S (PORTA JOHN)	158.50		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	$4,407.54		

OCTOBER 1, 2006 BALANCE	$4,773.45	OCT 1, 2006 BAL ON CD	$3,773.24
OFFERINGS	1,504.50	INTEREST ON CD	115.88
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION	1,250.00	TOTAL ON CD	$3,889.12
GOSPEL CONCERT	1,225.00		
TOTAL CASH TO DATE	8,752.95		
LISTED EXPENDITURES	4,407.54		
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 BALANCE	$4,345.41		

Respectfully Submitted

By Joyce H. Thomas

Evangelism Committee
Bladen Baptist Association

Rev. Michael Skinner
Chairperson

October 2007

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

The Evangelism Committee has a goal of winning Bladen County for Christ Jesus our Lord. The Committee is thankful for all the evangelistic work taking place across our association through the local churches. Evangelism is also taking place through the association's racing ministry and events such as "See You At The Pole." The Association will sponsor several evangelistic events in the months ahead. Rev. Ergun Caner, a former Muslim, recently featured in our LifeWay Sunday School materials will be visiting our association on April 19th and 20th, 2008. Our association will also sponsor a county-wide evangelistic crusade on October 5-8th,2008 at Elizabethtown Middle School gym. The guest evangelist will be Rev. Mike Penry a Wake County Sheriff's Deputy. Prior to this event we are planning to have personal evangelism training events conducted within the association. Please pray for God's blessings that we might have success in these endeavors. Thank you for all of your support spiritually, physically and financially.

In Christ Service,

Rev. Michael Skinner

Rev. Michael Skinner
Chairperson

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"HISTORICAL EVENTS"
2007

Abbottsburg: Began Wednesday night children's Bible study, ages 5 - 12.

Bethel: Had "Old Timer's Day"; had float in Dublin Peanut Festival; painted Sunday School classes.

Bladenboro, First: Participated in "Closely Knit" and provided 263 knitcaps for babies in third world countries; participated in Samaritan's Purse and provided 288 shoe boxes.

Butters: Ordained two deacons.

Center Road: There was a new projection system installed in the Sanctuary.

Council: Participated in the Shoe Box Ministry; sent monthly donations to the Pregnancy Center and Baptist Children's Homes; helped tornado victims in Riegelwood, NC.

Elizabethtown: Retired $2.9 million debt on Christian Activity Center.

Good News: In the process of building new church building.

Good Shepherd: Began home Bible study groups to reach the mass numbers of Hispanics who are unchurched.

Hickory Grove: Dedicated a total of 12 children (birth to 3 yrs) in 3 different services; licensed a minister, Bradley Tatum; WMU-2 produced a cookbook to raise money for our building project (multi-purpose building); WMU-1 also made a quilt to auction for this project and are making small quilts for each person on our prayer list (prayer quilts); Baptist Men have started a Handiman Ministry to do carpentry for persons in need (handicap ramps, roof shingling, painting, prayer benches for our church, replacing windows for shut-ins and widows; baptized 5 persons into the faith; lost 2 former deacons due to death.

Lisbon: Called Rev. Wade McLamb as Pastor in January 2007.

Love Grove: Remodeled Kitchen in Fellowship Hall; replaced heating and A/C units throughout the church; purchased a new church van.

New Beginnings: Called Rev. Rodney McMillan as Pastor; began Recovery Class to help those with addictions.

Northside: The Baptist Men constructed 4 ramps, replaced windows in the fellowship hall, replaced A/C in the fellowship hall, and also made many repairs on the church property; produced film and distributed it for evangelism purposes, "The Risen Christ"; held Easter Fest in downtown Bladenboro; entered float in Christmas Parade and won second place.

Peace: Started children's ministry; began Bible studies on Wednesday night; completed work on the Fellowship Hall.

Richardson: Racetrack ministry started; bread ministry started; continuation of home visitation ministry; continuation of nursing home ministry; continuation of Brotherhood ministry projects; playground for the children was established; new carpet and pews were added; the church was painted; dedication of memorial gift plaques; new church sign; Richardson Stars sponsor activities for the seniors; nursery started during the church services; field trips for the youth in church van; participated in Youth Blast; re-worked parking lot; landscaped the church grounds; participated in County Public School Baccalaureate; participated in "See You At The Pole" time of prayer.

Whites Creek: Began "Angel Food" ministry.

White Oak: The church is in the process of being incorporated.

"Historian Report"

The historical events listed are taken from the "Congregation Profiles"

As in the years since our Centennial celebration in 1992, when a brief history of all the churches in the Association were complied into a book entitled "A Pictorial Directory of the Churches of the Bladen Baptist Association." we have been profiling two churches taken from this book each year. This year in the "Book of Reports" Galeed Baptist Church is profiled on the inside front cover and New Beginnings Baptist Church on the back cover.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ethelene Barnes, Historian

Report for 2007 Book of Reports

Office of GuideStone Financial Resources for the Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.

The GuideStone Team has been extremely busy during this past year to ensure prompt and accurate delivery of information related to retirement, insurance, staff compensation, tax issues, etc. that impact dramatically the care of persons who serve on church staff here in North Carolina. We celebrated the retirement of Amy Strickland as Administrative Specialist on our team and welcomed Betty Pleasant to that ministry position after a number of years in the convention's administrative offices. We are very grateful for the ministry of these ladies in assisting church staff and key church leaders.

On January 2, 2007, Guidestone Financial Resources, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention headquartered in Dallas, Texas, introduced a new family of funds, *My Destination Funds*, which are date targeted to a retirement participant's projected retirement date at some point in the future. For those participants who choose to invest using these funds the hassle of keeping up with an appropriate asset allocation as the participant grows older is now removed. These funds are professionally managed and the asset allocation is adjusted automatically as the participant ages. This is a "great and wondrous" development since many church staff are focused primarily on ministry to people rather than managing their retirement account. Furthermore, the retirement funds at GuideStone exceeded their respective mutual fund peer universe median as measured by Lipper rankings during this past year.

The successful transition to a single provider for medical insurance for the GuideStone medical plans reaped great rewards as 57% of Personal Plan participants received no rate increase or a reduction in premiums. This is a "great and wonderful" thing for those who are covered with GuideStone medical insurance. Life and disability coverage continues to be tweaked to meet the needs of our church employees. Beginning with the 2007 fall semester all students enrolled at one of the Southern Baptist seminaries (we have Southeastern Seminary in North Carolina) will be covered with $10,000 of life insurance at no cost to the student and the 31 day of open enrollment from matriculation for new students continues to be very attractive.

The Church Retirement Plan is a major emphasis of the GuideStone team. We are working hard to educate church staff and key church leaders to the best retirement plan on the market today for employees of our Baptist churches. On April 1 of this year annual church budget eligibility requirements for the Mission/Church Assistance Fund were dramatically adjusted from the previous requirement of less than $40,000 per year to less than $75,000 per year. Many of our church pastors will now qualify to receive $50 per month for a five year period, but they must be active participants in the church retirement plan to receive this "great and wonderful" benefit.

Finally, we gladly promote the Endowment ministry at GuideStone to provide ongoing and one-time financial assistance to retired ministers and widows of ministers who are living in poverty. As of March 31, we had 204 North Carolinians, who have met the very strict guidelines and are receiving financial assistance from GuideStone Financial Resources. Please assist us in identifying those persons who might qualify for this assistance.

In closing, it is our strong desire to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information/products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 5594 or 5595, visit our Web site at www.ncbaptist.org, call GuideStone at 1.888.984.8433, or visit the new and redesigned GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Johnny E. Ross
GuideStone State Representative

North Carolina Baptist State Convention Report

Your Cooperative Program, 2007

Throughout 2007 your Cooperative Program continued to be the best way for North Carolina Baptists to work together and *cooperatively* support a global, nationwide and statewide program of missions, evangelism and ministry.

No other program will send a Christian dollar to as many places or touch as many lives for God's Kingdom! The 2007 Cooperative Program budget is $37, 786,000. It is only when we work together as Baptists and consolidate our missions dollars into a single unified budget that we can support major ministries and missions projects needed to share the gospel with a lost world!
Our Cooperative Program supports thousands of missionaries, ministry specialists and many types of work, yet it operates quite simply.

Here's how: Each November when North Carolina Baptists hold their annual meeting, they adopt a Cooperative Program budget, currently in two-year cycles. That budget determines what work we can support together and how much. During the year congregations of all sizes, located across the state, send in their Cooperative Program checks to the Baptist State Convention office in Cary. There the accountants divide up the money according to the budget and send it on its way to the many ministries we support.
That's why we say we *give through* the Cooperative Program, not to it!
The Cooperative Program is a *channel*, the way we divide up money among Baptist causes we support; it is not a destination.
This is how we as North Carolina Baptists support five colleges and a Bible institute, a major children's home, missions work across North America and around the world, plus a newspaper and a foundation.
Your Cooperative Program also provides hefty support to Woman's Missionary Union and North Carolina Baptist Men, augmenting the support you and other North Carolina Baptists provide these important organizations through the North Carolina Missions Offering.

Bright Outlook

Consider that more than 1,500 churches increased their Cooperative Program giving amount for 2006 over 2005. That means more than a third of the convention's churches have voted with their pocketbooks for the 1-3-6 Challenge!
What's that? It's a challenge to every church to increase its Cooperative Program giving by 1 percent of its undesignated receipts over three years. If all convention churches will do so, it will produce $6 million a year in additional funds for the convention's vast program of work!

But there's a prior challenge. That challenge is for more North Carolina Baptists to learn about the amazing variety and depth of missions, evangelism and ministry they support through their Cooperative Program.

We have had the Cooperative Program since 1925. It has served Baptists so well, that if we woke up tomorrow and did not have it, we would rush to recreate the same thing! It is work supporting and worth supporting more.

Giving will skyrocket when all North Carolina Baptists realize there's no other method which will send a Christian dollar to more places or touch more lives for God's Kingdom, than a dollar given through the Cooperative Program.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA
(July 2006-July 2007)

Oak Ranch added to ministry. . .Baptist Children's Homes (BCH) entered into a relationship with Oak Ranch, a residential program for at-risk boys, to manage the facility. Located on the Lee-Harnett County line near Broadway, Oak Ranch features two existing cottages, administrative buildings and an eight-horse equine therapy component.

"This is a historic event," said BCH President Michael C. Blackwell. "Baptist Children's Homes and Oak Ranch share a vision to provide hope and healing to children. This is a natural merger, and we look into the future with great hope and tremendous expectation."

Plans are in place to accept boys into care at Oak Ranch beginning in October, 2007, but the property and Oak Ranch's distinctive equine therapy program are already being utilized by BCH residents and staff members from the institution's statewide locations.

New Program Helps Children With Intensive Challenges. . .BCH's new Level III program outreaches to children who are struggling to overcome a greater degree of emotional and behavioral issues. The service is designed to provide a highly structured and supervised residential environment that is responsive to the need for intensive, active therapeutic treatment and interventions.

Currently, BCH offers Level III child care services at Kennedy Home in Kinston and Moody Home in Franklin.

Developmental Disabilities Ministry Continues To Grow. . .On August 27, 2006, members of the Three Forks association, BCH staff and other supporters gathered for the dedication ceremony of two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM) homes for developmentally disabled adults in Zionville

The Three Forks Home is named in honor of the association for gifting the original Camp Joy property for the new homes. Lindsay Home is named in memory of Winifred B. Lindsay who donated a lead gift of $400,000. Churches, businesses, organizations and other community friends helped raise funds to build the homes. The new DDM homes are a part of Joy Cove Ministries serving families in Watauga County and the surrounding community.

BCH held a groundbreaking ceremony on September 10, 2006 to celebrate the expansion of its Developmental Disabilities Ministry to Sanford. BCH recently began building the two group homes to serve special needs adults in the Lee County area.

The Sanford based ministry has been tapped Willett Ministries. Jane Willett-Cromer, a resident of Gulf and mother of a developmentally disabled adult, gave three and a half acres of land for the Sanford-based homes to BCH in the memory of her husband Howard.

BCH and Cross Road Retirement Community in Asheboro hosted a "Laying the Foundation" ceremony on October 14, 2006. The ceremony celebrated the construction of BCH's new DDM group home. The group home is located on the Cross Road Retirement Community campus which is owned by Cross Road Baptist Church. It will be called "The Asheboro Home," and dedication ceremonies are scheduled for August 26, 2007.

The 3,000 square-foot facility offers a residence for six developmentally disabled adult women and will serve families in Randolph County and the surrounding community. The home was built in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). BCH will operate the home, providing the services and the staff.

Baptists Touch BCH Through Technology. . .Children in BCH's care greeted Messengers at the 2006 annual session of the Baptist State Convention at the Greensboro Coliseum through the power of technology. Using a web camera link, five children at Mills Home in Thomasville carried on live, real-time conversations with convention attendees and thanked them for their love and support. Mills Home children answered questions and gave "high fives" to Messengers who viewed them on a large, flat panel display screen.

*New Website Introduced. . .*BCH also introduced the redesigned BCH Family (*www.bchfamily.org*) website during the November convention. The new website offers streamlined navigation making it easy to find information about BCH's statewide services and a variety of ways to support the ministry. New features include online journals and photo galleries from the ministries locations around the state.

Charity & Children Marks 120 Years. . .Charity & Children (C&C) marked its 120th anniversary in 2007. Throughout its history, it has been a strong voice speaking for Baptist Children's Homes conveying news, information, and children's success stories. The free publication is mailed to as many as 62,000 subscribers a month, with estimated readership in excess of 170,000 per issue.

Seven year ***C&C*** editor Jim Edminson introduced a new look for the paper in January utilizing concisely written stories, the use of vivid, large photos, ample white space, and contemporary artwork to make the publication more approachable to readers.

The BCH news publication is produced each month by its publisher and BCH president Michael C. Blackwell, Edminson, and Blake Ragsdale who was named Managing Editor in late 2006.

BCH Named One Of Triad's "Best Places To Work". . . BCH was a finalist in the ***Triad Business Journal's*** annual "Best Places to Work" competition. The institution finished in the elite four of the "charitable nonprofits" category. BCH president Michael C. Blackwell, accompanied by members of his President's Management Group, accepted the award at a ceremony in High Point.

BCH's state administration offices, Mills Home residential campus and Weekday Education facilities in Thomasville, and group homes for developmentally disabled adults in Winston-Salem comprise BCH's Triad area services.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC.
2006 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

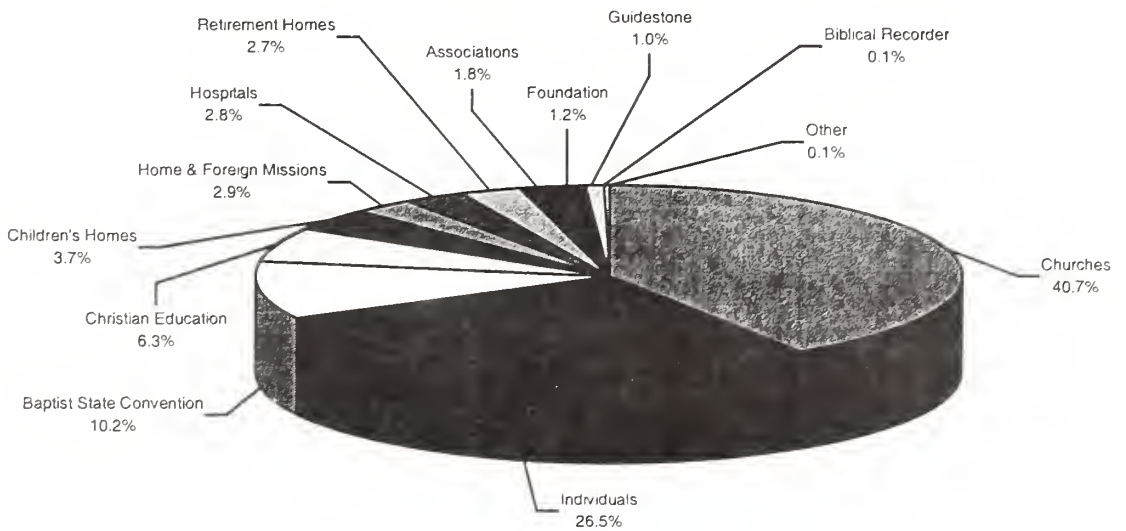
During 2006, the Foundation assisted individuals in establishing 49 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling $2.6 million and received $6.5 million in contributions to existing endowments, all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship and church fund management. Over $2.6 million from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received $11.7 million in contributions during 2006 for Christian causes.

The Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Salomon Smith Barney to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2006, the Foundation held $153.1 million under management.

During 2006, our distributions totaled $8.4 million, with charity receiving $5.9 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.5 million. During the 86-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $31.6 million has been distributed to individuals and $59.2 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $90.8 million.

C. V. Bailes, Chairman, Board of Directors
M. Clay Warf, Executive Director

The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc.
2006 Distributions



2007 Report to the Associations

North Carolina Baptist Hospital

"Touching Lives With Hope"

A MISSION OF HEALING

In 1923, Baptist Hospital began as a "missionary enterprise" of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. In the Bible, healing is God's work of restoring well-being and wholeness – body, mind and spirit – to one who is broken. In 2007, our mission of healing is reaching thousands of hurting people, combining the leading edge of medicine with the grace of compassion. As God's servants, we consider our mission to be a great privilege and responsibility.

HIGHLIGHTS AT NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

A Leading Provider of Medical Care in the United States

- We are ranked as **one of *"America's Best Hospitals"*** by *U.S. News and World Report* (2006), and one of the top 50 hospitals (of over 6,000) since 1993.
- ***"The Best Doctors in America"*** (2005) **includes 149 physicians** from the Medical Center. Less than 10% of U.S. hospitals have doctors listed in this ranking.
- Our **Comprehensive Cancer Center**, a national leader in cancer care and research, **is home to 13 cancer specialists listed among *"America's Top Doctors for Cancer 2006."***
- Our **Heart Center** is an internationally recognized leader in state-of-the-art cardiac treatment and research.
- Our **patient satisfaction scores are among the nation's best**, in the top 3 percent compared to our peers (Press Ganey and Associates).

Information and Appointments

To make an appointment for yourself or a family member with one of our physicians or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH ON-CALL® at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255. Our web site is **www.wfubmc.edu**.

THE SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE: MISSION PARTNERS WITH NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS

As partners with North Carolina Baptists, we are fulfilling our mission of ***"providing ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ."*** We are very grateful for the support of Cooperative Program Missions Giving, allowing us to broaden the healing reach of Christ through three vital ministries.

CareNet's Pastoral Counseling Centers provide compassionate, highly skilled, faith-integrated counseling to hurting individuals, couples and families.

- Our statewide network of 19 counseling centers extends the ministry of churches.
- Among the largest pastoral counseling ministries in the nation, CareNet will provide 27,000 hours of counseling in 2007.
- Thanks to the support of N.C. Baptists, counseling is provided at a reasonable cost and subsidized for clients who need assistance. No one is turned away due to lack of resources to pay.
- ***"My CareNet counselor saved my life, walking along beside me, never giving up on me, and telling me God would never leave me."***

2007 Report to the Associations - North Carolina Baptist Hospital

The Center for Congregational Health is helping churches grow stronger through ministries of expert consultation and education.

- We serve approximately 25 churches per month with long range planning, strategies to energize congregations, and conflict reconciliation.
- 600 ministers and church leaders per year receive leadership training in a variety of educational events.
- Since 1992, we have trained over 1,800 clergy for interim ministry.
- ***"I'm very grateful for the excellent training and practical guidance I received to help the church through difficult times."***

The Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education Department provides compassionate spiritual care to our patients and families and specialized pastoral care training for ministers.

- 54,015 ministry contacts were made in 2006.
- 66 ministers received training in 2006 through our Clinical Pastoral Education programs.
- Worship services for patients, families and staff are held every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday in our Davis Memorial Chapel.
- *"My training at Baptist Hospital was life-changing and I'm so thankful."*

THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: CARE IN THE NAME OF CHRIST'S LOVE

Thanks to the Christ-centered compassion of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering received **$708,600 in 2006**, exceeding the generosity of any previous year. Every dollar of every gift helps patients in serious financial need pay hospital bills for care received at Baptist. Having too much to qualify for government assistance, but not enough to pay bills they are responsible for, they feel the hand of God lifting their burdens.

"I thank North Carolina Baptists with all my heart for helping families like mine in times of need. We were so worried about my hospital bill and struggling under the burden. We are extremely relieved and grateful. I have said many prayers of thanks to God for helping us."

"We are very, very thankful for the Mother's Day Offering. We were so frightened by all the medical bills we didn't know how to pay. This gift was a miracle from God and made the biggest difference in our lives."

***"We are so relieved and grateful for the minister's subsidy at Baptist Hospital."*- N.C. Baptist pastor**

The minister's subsidy covers up to 25% of the hospital bills of ministers (and their dependents) serving N.C. Baptist churches for care received at Baptist Hospital. $76,785 was provided in 2006, made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund and the Mother's Day Offering.

CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Every day at Baptist Hospital our founding mission of healing is being advanced, from the expertise of modern medicine and technology to the grace of compassion and simple kindness. We are committed to being one of the best hospitals in the nation. We are humbled to see God's healing mercy at work through the care we seek to provide. On behalf of our staff, thank you for being partners with us in this sacred mission of hope.

Respectfully submitted,

Donny C. Lambeth

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Interim President
Chief Operating Officer
North Carolina Baptist Hospital

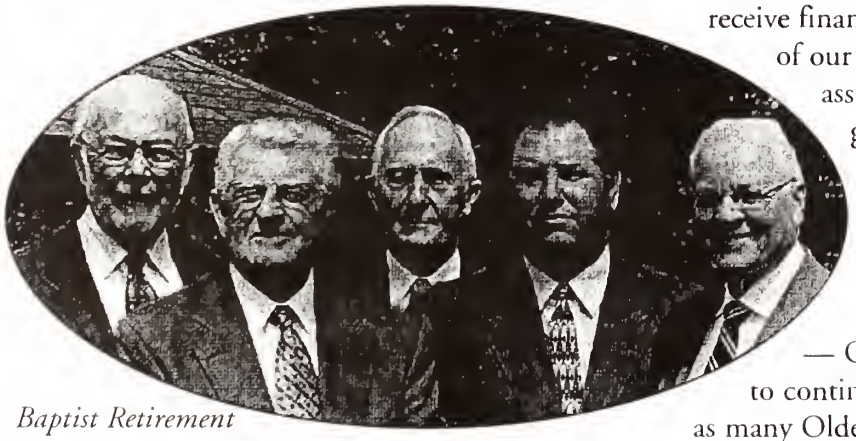
NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL 1922

2007 Annual Report
Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina
to the Baptist Churches

Our Partners in Caring

At Baptist Retirement Homes not only are physical needs met but spiritual needs as well. At our Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville, at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem, at the Gardens of Taylor Glen in Concord, at The Taylor House in Albemarle, and at the Hamilton Baptist Home in Hamilton our Baptist chaplains serve as faithful reminders that "God is our refuge and strength."

In addition to regular worship services and Bible studies, personal visits with the chaplain enrich the lives of the residents.



Baptist Retirement Homes Chaplains

Because of your partnership with us — Baptist Retirement Homes is now serving more than 700 Older Adults in our five locations across North Carolina.

Because of your partnership with us — Baptist Retirement Homes provides a full range of services to Older Adults including independent living, assisted living and nursing care as well as special programming for those with dementia-related disorders such as Alzheimer's Disease.

Because of your partnership with us — Baptist Retirement Homes is a leader in giving care to Older Adults who lack sufficient financial resources to pay the full cost of the care they need and deserve. Sixty percent of our nursing care residents receive financial assistance and thirty-five percent of our assisted living care residents receive assistance. This care is made possible by gifts from our Baptist churches. In 2006, funds received from North Carolina Baptists totaled approximately $1.4 million.

Because of your partnership with us — Our commitment for the years ahead is to continue to bring the highest level of care to as many Older Adults as we possibly can — both those with financial resources and those who need financial assistance. We are counting on our Baptist churches to *"... not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifice God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16.*

More Questions?
Call the Baptist Elder Care Network • 1-800-887-7410

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BAPTIST RETIREMENT HOMES
OF NORTH CAROLINA, INCORPORATED
PROUDLY SERVING OLDER ADULTS SINCE 1951

Biblical Recorder Annual Associational Report 2006-07

Tony Cartledge, editor for the past nine years, has retired from the *Biblical Recorder* to become associate professor of Old Testament at Campbell University Divinity School. In July the board elected Norman Jameson, a journalist with 30 years' experience in Baptist communications, as the new editor.

Jameson, 54, comes most recently from the staff of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, where he was executive leader for public relations and resource development. He started his career in 1977 as feature editor of Baptist Press, the Southern Baptist Convention's daily news service. He also has been associate news director for Southwestern Seminary, associate editor of the Oklahoma *Baptist Messenger*, director of communications and editor of *Charity & Children* for Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina and for five years was a consultant in public relations and capital fund raising.

The *Recorder's* position as a source of news, features, inspiration and connection is growing stronger as more people get their news daily—or more often—through the www.biblicalrecorder.org web site. Recently that site has received 300,000 visitors monthly. The *Recorder* is committed to keeping the news web site vital and current. It is a phenomenal source of searchable history for the past 10 years of North Carolina Baptist life. Yet it is current to the hour.

At this point, use of the web site for readers is without charge. Staff is investigating ways the web site might return revenue to the *Recorder*, although web culture internationally is that content is free. The *Recorder* sells unobtrusive advertising on the site and will look to expand that presence.

On the print side, the *Recorder* remains the single greatest source for North Carolina Baptists to stay in touch with each other and to stay informed about their cooperative work worldwide. Where else are you going to learn about a church fire, pastor and staff movement, a successful Vacation Bible School, youth weeks at Caswell and about the work of your Conventions—locally, nationally and internationally?

In addition to keeping you informed of the regular workings of your cooperative efforts, the *Recorder* is going to bring special issues, addressing topics of interest to young families, parents and grandparents. The person in your church with no real interest in denominational issues will still find valuable information on daily living in the *Recorder*.

Postage costs went up $1,400 per issue in July, which translates to $38,000 annually, which will necessitate a subscription cost increase, pending board action in October. Cooperative Program receipts are trailing projections through July 2007, resulting in further budget shortfall.

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833. It was privately owned and operated for most of its history, then in 1939 became a convention agency. As it has from its founding, the *Recorder* serves as the official news publication of the BSC, and serves the full spectrum of its churches.

As a BSCNC agency, the *Biblical Recorder* receives annual support from Cooperative Program Missions Giving contributions from churches, making it possible to offer the *Recorder* at subscription rates below the actual cost of production. You can receive a free three-month subscriptions for yourself and your friends. Contact:

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2007 Annual Report - - Christian Action League of North Carolina, Inc.

A full report may be found on the Christian Action League's Web Site (www.christianactionleague.net)

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The Christian Action League of North Carolina is a Christian public policy organization that addresses public policy and legislative issues from a Christian worldview. The Christian Action League has a full-time presence in the General Assembly of North Carolina and has garnered considerable respect from both the Republican and Democratic parties. The League's purpose is to assist the church in fulfilling Christ's command to be the "salt" and "light" of the earth. The Christian Action League experienced marvelous legislative successes this session. The following report contains ministry highlights for 2007.

Senate Bill 125 – Alcohol Inhalers Illegal

This year, the Christian Action League initiated, as well as lobbied for the passage of **Senate Bill 125 – Alcohol Inhalers Illegal**. This legislation, which passed both the House and Senate by a unanimous margin, bans the manufacture, sale, gift, delivery, possession or use of an AWOL machine. AWOL stands for Alcohol Without Liquid and refers to a device that one may pour his/her favorite spirit (an 80-proof liquor is what the AWOL Marketers recommend) into that mixes the alcoholic beverage with oxygen to produce a mist that is inhaled through the mouth, allowing alcohol to enter the bloodstream through the lungs and going straight to the brain for a rapid and intense high. The device has been marketed as "the ultimate party toy" and their sole purpose is to get people inebriated.

Rev. Mark Creech, executive director of the Christian Action League first learned about the dangers of these (alcohol without liquid) machines last year at the American Council on Alcohol Problems annual convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. "My concern grew when I learned these machines were being sold throughout the United States and were coming out of North Carolina — from the Greensboro-based Spirit Partners Inc." said Creech

"Today more than a third of young people begin drinking by eighth grade and 5 million U.S. high school students binge drink at least once a month. With those kinds of alcohol abuse statistics staring us in the face, imagine what would happen if users could fast track the mind-altering effects of alcohol and, at the same time, sidestep the hangover.... That's exactly the appeal of AWOL, he added.

Fortunately, lawmakers agreed with CAL that such devices should be banned to protect the public health. Twenty-two other states had already banned the devices, but CAL's legislation had a national impact because it has - at least temporarily - shut down the business distributing the devices based in North Carolina.

HB 1277 – Drivers License Revocation for ABC Violation.

Another measure that addressed alcohol policy in North Carolina that the Christian strongly lobbied for and won passage was **HB 1277 – Drivers License Revocation for ABC Violation.**

Last year a tragic automobile accident took the lives of four Wakefield High School students in Raleigh: Baker Wood, Steven George, Anthony Bostic, and Timothy Steinberg. According to authorities, Wood was driving 100 miles per hour when the car the teens were riding in slammed into a concrete barrier on the US 64/264 ramp of the Raleigh beltline, then jumped the barrier and fell to a fiery crash 60 feet below. Alcohol was a factor in the accident. Wood's blood alcohol level was 0.21; George's was 0.14. – far above the 0.8 legal limit.

Since that time, Steve and Kathleen George, parents of the deceased Steven George, tirelessly worked to create some meaning to their son's death. They say they were unaware of how their son got the alcohol that fateful night, but they were deeply concerned adults are a large part of the underage drinking problem and its sometimes fatal consequences.

Unfortunately, the Georges were right in their assessment. This is why the Christian Action League worked closely with Rep. Ty Harrell (D-Wake) to help secure the passage of **HB 1277**, which would suspend the driver's license for up to one year of anyone convicted of providing booze for underage drinkers.

Many people don't understand the most common source of alcohol for minors is the home. Parents are under the assumption that if they allow parties where alcohol is served either in their house or backyard, youngsters will be safe. But the fact is when adults serve alcohol to someone under 21 they are breaking the law and putting teens at risk. Laws that would really make these adults accountable are essential.

The passage of **HB 1277** was not only a victory for the Christian Action League, but for the state of North Carolina.

HB 485 – Amend Health Education Curriculum

One other piece of legislation the Christian Action League is exceedingly proud to have had a significant influence in the passage of is HB 485 – Amend Health Education Curriculum.

In 2001, the General Assembly enacted legislation that decriminalized the abandonment of an infant less than seven days old under certain circumstances. And the purpose of the law was to allow an overwhelmed parent an option other than to abandon their newborn in a dumpster or a toilet.

The Safe Surrender law is working in North Carolina and "the proof is in the pudding," reported the *Greensboro News and Record,* June 22. In that same story the newspaper told of a four pound baby boy that was abandoned at Forsyth Medical Center. The baby was in good health and was left on a bench in front of the hospital. "Doctors believe the mother was nearly full term and about 36 weeks into her pregnancy" and the baby was left because the parent was obviously aware of the Safe Surrender law.

The Christian Action League has supported the Safe Surrender law since its inception.

Increasing awareness about the law is the reason the Christian Action League strongly supported **HB 485 – Amend Health Education Curriculum**, which was introduced this session. The measure requires local boards of education to adopt policies that ensure students in grades 9 – 12 receive information each year on the manner in which a parent may lawfully abandon a newborn baby. It also makes the information available to students enrolled in charter schools, private religious schools, qualified non-public schools and home schools, though it does not mandate students from private and home schools get the information.

Rep. Phil Haire (D-Sylva), the primary sponsor of the bill, said, "Rev. Mark Creech and the Christian Action League have, from the day the Safe Surrender Law and this bill were introduced, worked with me to preserve the life of new born babies who might otherwise be abandoned. This support has been invaluable."

The law will be effective for the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Other Bills

These were just three bills that passed at the behest and work of the Christian Action League. Nevertheless, there were dozens of what CAL believes to be immoral and bad pieces of legislation that didn't pass because of the League's stiff opposition. Such bills as…

HB 1837 – Stem Cell Research and Wellness Act – a bill sponsored by Rep. Earl Jones (D- Guilford) and Rep. Jim Gulley (R-Mecklenburg) that would have authorized the destruction of human embryos in research carried out with state tax payer money.

HB 1366 – School Violence Prevention Act, a bill that would have created a specially protected class on the basis of one's "sexual orientation" or "gender identity or expression." Under the guise of preventing "bullying" in school, the measure would have legitimized, as well as given legal status to homosexuality and other sexual perversions. Had that legislation succeeded, it would have been the first time any such classifications had been included in North Carolina state law.

HB 879—Modify School Health Education Program, would have eliminated North Carolina's current law requiring students to be taught that abstinence from sex until marriage is the expected standard of behavior. Instead, it would have mandated "comprehensive sex education," which advocates condom and contraceptive use and often instructs children on a myriad of sexual activities.

In a letter to General Benjamin Lincoln, dated June 29, 1788, George Washington's words were a challenge, as well as a word of encouragement for modern America: "Much to be regretted indeed would it be, were we to neglect the means and depart from the road which Providence has pointed us to, so plainly ... The Great Governor of the Universe has led us too long and too far ... to forsake us in the midst of it ... We may, now and then, get bewildered; but I hope and trust that there is good sense and virtue enough left to recover the right path."

This is certainly what the ministry of the Christian Action League is about – keeping North Carolina and the nation on the right path. CAL continues by God's grace and with the church's support, to equip, lead and inspire Christians to engage the culture for righteousness sake.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Mark H. Creech, Executive Director
Dr. David Hansley, President

ANNUAL REPORT
Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute
July,2006-June 2007

Students at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute are here basically because they have received a call from God to serve him. Many of them are older. One student, after hearing other students talking about running from God, said, "If these professors don't let up, I am going to run some more". He graduated from Fruitland with an Associates degree. He recently received his Bachelor's degree from another school. We have students who come to Fruitland without a High School diploma. They get a G. E. D and finish Fruitland. Many of them have completed Master's degrees and even Doctorates.

Christian education has been going on here at Fruitland since 1899. The campus was purchased by the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina in the early 1940's as a site for a conference center. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute actually began on this campus in 1946.

A personal visit became the catalyst for the actual beginning of Fruitland as a Bible Institute. Dr. J. C. Canipe was the pastor of First Baptist Church of Boone, North Carolina. He learned that a fellow pastor in the area, Vilas Minton, was sick and needing some help. Dr. Canipe took a supply of groceries to the Minton family. He and Pastor Minton became friends. Later, Pastor Minton asked whether Dr. Canipe would start some classes for him and other pastors who had not had the opportunity for formal preparation for ministry. Dr. Canipe began some classes in the facilities of the First Baptist Church. Several pastors from the surrounding area joined the local pastors in attending these classes. Dr. Canipe was invited by the Baptist State Convention to move these classes to the Fruitland campus and the Bible institute began. We completed sixty years of service in 2006.

Fruitland continues to serve students with unique needs. Our student body is diverse in ages, ethnic and national backgrounds, academic achievement, and spiritual development. The common characteristics of these students are faith in Christ, and experience of a call to ministry, and a sense of need for basic academic, spiritual, and practical preparation.

Presently, Fruitland offers an associate degree in religion/church ministries involving two years of study. The degree requires either high school graduation or the G. E. D. and the completion of one-hundred and twenty-five quarter hours of academic credit. During the 2006-2007 year the cumulative, non-duplicated enrollment was 267. Many students go on to other institutions and graduate with honors.

Once again this year many special events took place. We had Founder's Days with Dr. Gray Allison of Memphis, Tennessee and Dr. Herb Reavis of Jacksonville, Florida. In October we had our annual Alumni Day and Preaching Week. Dr. D. L. Lowrie, retired pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, was a visiting professor. His wife, Alice, spoke for the annual Women's Retreat led by Mrs. Ann Ridings.

Dr. Kenneth Ridings continues to serve as President of Fruitland. The expansion of the chapel is well under way. Hopes are high that it will be ready for graduation in December. Fruitland continues to fulfill a commitment to be "true to God's Word and loyal to His purpose." We invite you to come and visit the campus just east of Hendersonville, North Carolina. Groups from churches can arrange a tour and a meal in our cafeteria. Contact Ken Houston, Director of Campus Services, by e-mail at services@fruitland.edu or call 828-685-8886. Our web site may be accessed at www.fruitland.edu.

Thank you North Carolina Baptists for establishing and continuing to support the ministry of Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. By doing so you strengthen a kingdom enterprise.

2007 Report
Council on Higher Education

Dear Associational Leadership,

The theme of this year's 177th Baptist State Convention's annual session focuses upon the *Great and Wondrous Things* that God has been doing in and through North Carolina Baptists. I hope that as you gather to celebrate the many *Great and Wondrous Things* that God has been doing through the churches of your association this year, that you will join the Council on Christian Higher Education as we, too, celebrate God's work on the college and university campuses of institutions of higher education that cooperate with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The student body of each campus is growing, new facilities are being built, and students are provided with opportunities to grow academically and spiritually. Allow me to provide an example of only a few of the *Great and Wondrous Things* that God has done on each of the five campuses this year:

Campbell University – 2,835 undergraduate students; establishment of a football program; construction of a new convocation center and new chapel.

Chowan University –significant renovations underway; improvement of athletic facilities; growth of endowments now totaling over $21 million dollars; numerous students participated in missions trips and journeys to the Holy Land.

Gardner-Webb University – nearly 4,000 students from 34 states and 33 countries; new facilities for students with disabilities; new degree program – Master of Arts in Religion; marching band established; numerous students participated in missions trips to the Gulf Coast region, Canada, and Ecuador.

Mars Hill College – celebrated 150th anniversary; mission teams to Honduras, Greece, and New Orleans; established teacher education graduate degree program; new math and science building underway; renovations to athletic facilities.

Wingate University – over 1,800 students; 57 graduates comprised the School of Pharmacy's first graduating class; students involved in supporting the hunger relief efforts of the Charlotte Men's Shelter and Harvest Food Bank.

This year, undergraduate students were given the opportunity to apply for the Convention's Baptist Scholars Program scholarships on-line. The new application process is faster, easier, and much less complicated than the former paper applications.

I also hope that you will make plans to attend the annual session of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, to be held in Greensboro on Monday, November 12 through Wednesday, November 14. Please plan to stay for the Council on Christian Higher Education presentation on Wednesday as the council will be highlighting the *Great and Wondrous Things* God is doing in the lives of Baptist students as they "Call to Me ..." Jeremiah 33 : 3.

I remind you that your generous gifts to the Cooperative Program provide important support to these five schools through scholarships and other unrestricted funds. These five schools, Campbell University, Chowan University, Gardner-Webb University, Mars Hill College, and Wingate University, strive to provide educational opportunities from a Christian world view with a Baptist distinctive and are able to do so as you both give and pray for students, faculty, and campus leadership alike.

Brian K. Davis
Executive Director
Council on Christian Higher Education
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

2007 NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT

In the midst of significant challenges in 2006, the North American Mission Board, in partnership with our Southern Baptist state conventions, associations, and churches, gained a renewed vision and passion for three primary tasks that define the agency: sharing Christ, starting churches, and sending people.

The staff and more than 5,000 missionaries who serve through NAMB are grateful for Southern Baptists' prayers and support and are looking toward the future, confident in God's leadership and provision. We are especially thankful to all Southern Baptists who gave so generously in 2006 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. A total of $58.4 million--exceeding the national goal by more than $2 million--was given to help us share Christ, start churches, and send people. In addition, we are thankful for the continual financial support that churches give through the Cooperative Program. Our prayer is that God will find us good stewards of those funds and of the work He has called us to do.

Following are a few highlights of how God blessed those record gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Cooperative Program.

Sharing Christ

- A total of 153 new chaplains received SBC endorsement through NAMB. The total chaplain count is 2,671, and more than 5,700 people came to Christ through their faithful sharing of the gospel in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare facilities. For more information about chaplaincy, visit www.namb.net/chaplain.
- The Evangelism Response Center has 3,040 volunteers who serve as Telephone Encouragers (TE). In 2006, they directly engaged 14,100 callers, and another 15,000 calls were placed as call backs when TEs were not available because of demand. A total of 7,080 people made decisions related to their walk with Christ, including 781 for salvation.
- CrossOver Greensboro, held prior to the Southern Baptist Convention in 2006, gave volunteers the opportunities to participate in inner-city evangelism, street evangelism, sports clinics, Kindness Explosions, international festival, door to door witnessing, collegiate evangelism, and evangelistic events. There were more than 820 professions of faith. CrossOver San Antonio will be June 9-10.
- Prior to Katrina, New Orleans Baptist Ministries operated four ministry centers in New Orleans. The seven career missionaries were assisted in the work by US/C-2 missionaries, semester missionaries, and missionary interns to operate the centers and to assist the churches in special projects. Since Hurricane Katrina, the missionaries have become an integral part of starting and operating Operation NOAH Rebuild as well as assisting the reconnecting of churches to their communities. New Orleans Baptist Ministries and Operation NOAH Rebuild have provided an opportunity for Southern Baptists volunteers to partner with Louisiana Baptists in a way never possible in the past. For information on volunteering in the effort, see www.namb.net/noah.
- Special Ministries missionaries and volunteers lead by example in innovative evangelism outside of the walls of the church through resort and leisure ministries, sports evangelism, truck stops, and seafarers centers. A great example of God's blessings in 2006 is what happened in the U.S. territory of American Samoa. Because of the coordination of discipleship efforts of the various ethnic congregations of the island, there were 567 professions of faith reported in 2006 among international seafarers, with 177 of those being baptized in the waters off the island.
- Domestic Hunger Funds (funds benefiting the hungry in North America) totaling more than $1.4 million were distributed to the states last year. More than 2,000 hunger ministries reported more than 30,000 professions of faith. There were more than 50,000 volunteers working in hunger ministries, and 8,700 new volunteers were trained in evangelism. Last year, the gospel was shared with more than 650,000 people because of the opportunities provided through hunger ministries.

Starting Churches

- Southern Baptists established more than 1,458 new congregations in 2007. Of these, 55.3 percent are ethnic and African-American congregations.
- The Nehemiah Project, which has established seven church planting centers on Southern Baptist seminary campuses, trained and helped place 669 long term church planters. Since the Nehemiah Project began, more than 1,061 people who have served as short-term interns preparing for church planting roles.
- Canadian leadership set a prayer goal of establishing 1,000 healthy, reproducing churches by 2020. Partnerships continue with several SBC mega-churches to
plant flagship churches in Canada.

Sending Missionaries

- NAMB's missionary count was 5,153 on December 31, 2006. Of this number, 2,942 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 2,211 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries.
- 1,623 high school and college students answered God's call to summer, sojourner, or semester missions. Semester missionaries made 9,041 gospel presentations resulting in 677 professions of faith and 626 rededications.
- An estimated 125,000 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects through NAMB during the year.
- In 2006, 41,000 Southern Baptist trained Disaster Relief volunteers worked in 156 responses. Volunteers from 41 state conventions prepared 631,000 meals, repaired 6,176 buildings, cleaned 4,331 yards of storm debris, and purified 259,000 gallons of water. More than 19,000 new Disaster Relief volunteers were trained.
- World Changers summer mission opportunities saw more than 22,036 participants in 86 projects. PowerPlant, a mission opportunity mobilizing students in church planting and missions, saw 1,157 participants in 12 projects. Together these ministries made 12,414

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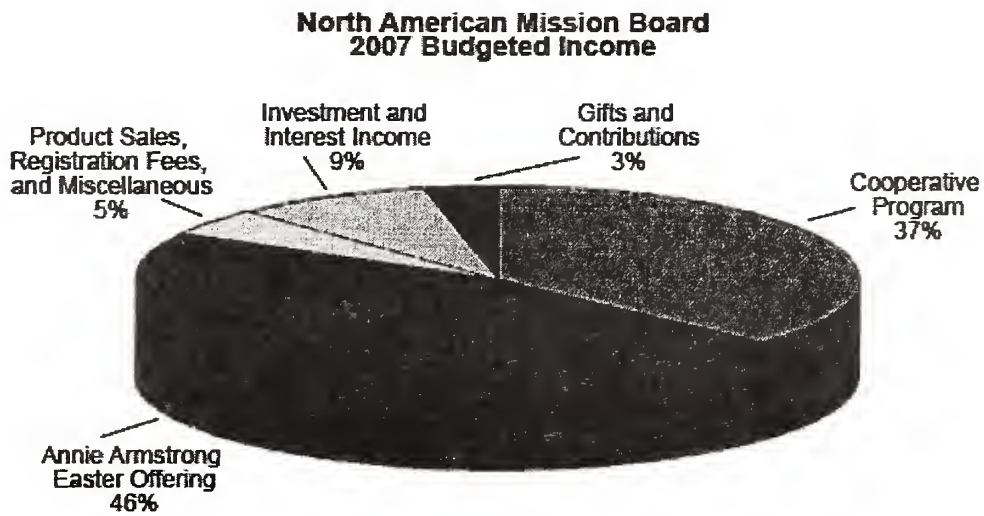
presentations of the gospel resulting in 1,150 recorded professions of faith.

- Cleveland Hope began its first year of church and community wide implementation in Northeast Ohio in 2006. In addition to this Strategic Focus Citiesinitiative, work began on Embrace Baltimore and Vision San Diego to begin mobilizing churches and In partnership with state conventions, LifeWay and churches across North America. We anticipate developing a three year strategy to spiritually impact these great cities.

orth American Mission Board 2007 Budgeted Income/Expenses

INCOME	Amount	Percent
Cooperative Program	46,000,000	37%
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	57,200,000	46%
Product Sales, Registration Fees, and Miscellaneous	5,900,000	5%
Investment and Interest Income	11,000,000	9%
Gifts and Contributions	4,200,000	3%
TOTAL	**124,300,000**	**100%**

EXPENSES		
Missionary Support	51,541,000	41%
Evangelization	17,465,000	14%
Church Planting	20,763,000	17%
Communications Technology	7,605,000	6%
Administrative	14,950,000	12%
Mobilization	11,976,000	10%
TOTAL	**124,300,000**	**100%**


North American Mission Board
2007 Budgeted Income
Product Sales, Registration Fees, and Miscellaneous 5%
Investment and Interest Income 9%
Gifts and Contributions 3%
Cooperative Program 37%
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering 46%

International Mission Board
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

2006-2007 INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

The International Mission Board (formerly Foreign Mission Board) is an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention, the nation's largest evangelical denomination, claiming more than 40,000 churches with nearly 16 million members.

The board's main objective is presenting the Gospel of Jesus Christ in order to lead individuals to saving faith in Him and result in church-planting movements among all the peoples of the world.

Almost 5,000 people groups - 1.6 billion people - still live with little or no access to the Gospel.

GLOBAL SUMMARY

Field personnel under appointment (9/12/07)	5,234
Career/associates/apprentices	4,174
2-yr. International Service Corps/journeymen/masters	1,060
Field personnel appointed 2006	758
Student volunteers 2006	6,100
Overseas baptisms 2006*	475,072
Overseas churches 2006*	135,252
Overseas church membership 2006*	8.8 million
New churches 2006*	23,486
People groups engaged*	1,170
People groups of the Last Frontier*	5,900
Population of the Last Frontier peoples	1.6 billion
World population 2006	6.6 billion
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts for Christmas 2005	$137.9 million
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal for Christmas 2006	$150 million
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal for Christmas 2007	$165 million
International Mission Board budget for 2007	$288.9 million
World Hunger/Disaster Relief 2006 receipts	$6 million

**data from 2006 Annual Statistical Report*

Deceased Listing
Bladen Association
2007

Beard's Chapel
Mr. Ralph Carter, Sr.
Deacon Emeritus
Pauline Barnes

Bethel
Catherine Allen DeVane
Jayford Dowless
Raymond Storms
Barbara Brisson Clark
L. A. Grantham

Bladenboro First Baptist
Mr. Zeb Monroe
Mrs. Cynthia Salyer
Mrs. Marie Smith
Mr. Julian Shaw
Mrs. Viola Smith
Mrs. Amanda Lewis
Mrs. Mildred Hester

Butters
Mrs. Maggie Davis
Mrs. Marion Storms
Mrs. Leigh Ann Richardson
Mrs. Annie Bell Hilburn

Center Road
M. J. Kinlaw
Mr. Bobby Dale Storms

Council
Rev. Roger Barnes
Mrs. Melba Clark

Dublin
Wilson Brisson
Sharon Galindo
Oren Taylor
Earl King

Elizabethtown
Mr. Houston Brisson
Mr. Robert Dowless
Mr. Osler Tatum
Edna Earle Haire
Mr. Billy Brantley
Lorena Snider
Mr. Jones Brady
Barbara Clark
Ruth Haire
Margaret Huggins

First Baptist Church of Clarkton
Mrs. Margaret Blackley
Mrs. Velma Ellis
Deacon, Mr. Vance Gardner
Deacon, Mr. Felix Hardgraves
Deacon, Mr. Steve Little

Friendship
Mrs. Mirtis Johnson

Galeed
Bernard Pope
Lillie Storms
Jewell Sessoms
Barden McClean
HC Edwards
John Clark, Jr.
Darryl Conner

Grace
Mr. William Shaw
Mrs. Billie Gibson

Hickory Grove
Mr. John Henry
Mr. Erin Davis

Lisbon
Mrs. Thelma Priest
Mrs. Annie Lanier
Mr. Frank Jones

Love Grove
Mr. Eddie West

New Center
Mrs. Monnie Langley

Northside
Mr. Billy Adams
Mr. George Butler
Mr. Tommy Harrelson
Mr. James E. Lennon, Jr.

Peace
Mrs. Annie Deaver

Richardson
Mr. Christopher Merritt
Joy Edwards
Mr. Larry Nance

Riverside
Mr. Joseph Evans
Mr. Ray Lewis
Mr. Willie Morgan

Sandy Grove
Mr. Jimmy Kinlaw

Shady Grove
Mr. Benny E. Britt
Mr. Willie J. Todd

Tar Heel
Mr. Ron Allen
Mr. G. B. Hall, Jr.
Mr. James Martin Wilson
Grace Wilson
Jessie Lee Wengert

West Bladenboro
Daisy Myrtle Hester
N. J. Baxley
Mr. Clayton Stubbs

White Lake
Mr. Arnold Hair
Mr. Ronnie Barnes

White Oak
Mrs. Linda H. Kinlaw
Mrs. Pauline Eakes

Whites Creek
Mr. Ronnie Smith

Zion Hill
Mrs. Helen M. Britt
Mr. Livingston Butler

Bladen Baptist Association TREASURER - David Clark
GIFTS FOR Budget

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2007		YEAR-TO-DATE
Abbottsburg		2,064.24
Beard's Chapel		1,500.00
Bethel		2,700.00
Bladenboro, First		9,000.00
Briar Branch		600.00
Butters		2,400.00
Center Road		5,260.51
Christ Community		975.00
Clarkton, First		5,758.22
Council		1,300.00
Cypress Creek		1,921.92
Dublin, First		10,000.00
Elizabethtown		8,400.00
Faith		781.00
Friendship		2,066.96
Galeed		7,500.00
Good News		100.00
Good Shepherd		0.00
Grace		1,455.39
Hickory Grove		2,000.00
Lisbon		2,138.61
Love Grove		850.00
New Beginnings		0.00
New Center		1,500.00
Northside		2,686.32
Peace		0.00
Richardson		800.00
Riverside		1,000.00
Sandy Grove		4,800.00
Shady Grove		3,933.33
Suggs Grove		2,408.00
Tar Heel		8,171.51
West Bladenboro		1,833.33
White Lake		2,241.73
White Oak		1,800.00
Whites Creek		2,056.79
Zion Hill		4,000.00
TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS		106,002.86
WMU Thrift Shop		2,500.00
NC Bapt. State Conv.		881.57
NC Sales Tax Refund		825.06
Seminary Extension		0.00
Miscellaneous		811.20
Annuals		0.00
Disaster Recovery		0.00
Basketball League		0.00
Higher Plain Cowboy		540.60
BUDGET GIFTS TO DATE	111,561.29	111,561.29
BUDGET NEED TO DATE	106,827.42	
AHEAD OF BUDGET GOAL	4,733.87	

Bladen Baptist Association — TREASURER - David Clark

BUDGET SUMMARY FOR — YEAR ENDING 2007

BUDGET ITEM	AMOUNT	YR - DATE	ITEM BAL
100 EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MINISTRIES			
101 Sunday School	1,000.00	793.21	206.79
102 Discipleship Trng.	600.00	600.00	0.00
103 Brotherhood	1,000.00	973.49	26.51
104 W.M.U.	1,200.00	1,133.76	66.24
105 Missions Development	300.00	179.00	121.00
106 Music	300.00	300.00	0.00
107 Evangelism	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
108 Pastoral Care	500.00	454.30	45.70
109 Audio Visual (Media)	400.00	400.00	0.00
110 Associational Admin.	300.00	148.95	151.05
111 Seminary Extension	300.00	0.00	300.00
112 Special Training	350.00	319.00	31.00
113 Local Missions	600.00	600.00	0.00
114 Youth Ministry	800.00	800.00	0.00
115 DisTrailer/Tax/Rep.	3,000.00	171.00	2,829.00
200 ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES			
201 Postage	1,500.00	1,470.65	29.35
202 Office Supplies	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
203 Office Equip & Maint	1,900.00	638.19	1,261.81
204 Utilities	4,000.00	3,950.25	49.75
205 Building & Grounds	2,000.00	294.00	1,706.00
206 Insurance/Buildings	2,125.00	1,316.00	809.00
207 Books & Literature	300.00	174.35	125.65
208 DOM Ser.Car/Travel	4,700.00	4,700.00	0.00
209 Conv.& Assemb.-DOM	500.00	500.00	0.00
210 DOM Annuity(Retire)	3,776.00	3,775.80	0.20
211 F.I.C.A. (DOM)Reimb.	5,200.75	5,200.75	0.00
212 F.I.C.A. (Secretary)	1,331.42	1,330.55	0.87
213 Housing/Util. DOM	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00
214 Medical Spending DOM	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
215 Annuals/Bk.Reports	500.00	500.00	0.00
216 DOM/HealthDisability	9,361.16	9,361.16	0.00
300 SALARIES			
301 Director of Missions	21,315.41	21,315.41	0.00
302 Secretary	17,392.68	17,392.68	0.00
303 Clerk	1,075.00	1,075.00	0.00
400 MISCELLANEOUS			
401 Emergency	250.00	207.46	42.54
402 DOM/Sec.Christmas	750.00	750.00	0.00
403 Contingency	200.00	200.00	0.00
TOTALS	106,827.42	99,024.96	7,802.46

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

ACCOUNT	BAL	RECEIPTS	TOTAL CSH	EXPENSES	END BAL
Budget	177,031.20	4,335.90	181,367.10	10,934.57	170,432.53
Contingency Fund	4,254.12	200.00	4,454.12	0.00	4,454.12
Federal Taxes	40.00	40.00	80.00	80.00	0.00
F.I.C.A.	101.64	101.64	203.28	203.28	0.00
State Taxes	188.00	94.00	282.00	282.00	0.00
Annuals 2006/2007	700.63	0.00	700.63	0.00	700.63
Jesus "Videos"	1,719.40	0.00	1,719.40	0.00	1,719.40
Assoc. Basketball	1,331.28	0.00	1,331.28	0.00	1,331.28
Dis.Tools & Trailer	132.23	0.00	132.23	0.00	132.23
Honduras Missions	4,469.28	0.00	4,469.28	0.00	4,469.28
Handyman Ministries	5,986.75	0.00	5,986.75	1,560.32	4,426.43
Hispanic Bible Proj	152.00	0.00	152.00	0.00	152.00
World Changers	1,741.08	0.00	1,741.08	0.00	1,741.08
Hurricane Katrina	846.20	0.00	846.20	0.00	846.20
Leisure Ministry	500.00	125.00	625.00	0.00	625.00
Pastor's Fund	169.11	0.00	169.11	0.00	169.11
Kenya Project	20,015.15	650.00	20,665.15	12,165.88	8,499.27
TOTALS	219,378.07	5,546.54	224,924.61	25,226.05	199,698.56

Bladen Baptist Association TREASURER - David Clark
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING 2007

CHURCHES	YEAR'S RECEIPTS
Abbottsburg	2,124.24
Beard's Chapel	1,536.00
Bethel	2,780.00
Bladenboro, First	9,911.00
Briar Branch	600.00
Butters	3,117.00
Center Road	6,060.51
Christ Community	975.00
Clarkton, First	6,086.22
Council	1,324.00
Cypress Creek	1,942.92
Dublin, First	11,418.00
Elizabethtown	12,412.00
Faith	781.00
Friendship	2,170.96
Galeed	8,793.00
Good News	100.00
Good Shepherd	0.00
Grace	1,817.39
Hickory Grove	3,210.00
Lisbon	2,528.61
Love Grove	1,039.00
New Beginnings	0.00
New Center	1,512.00
Northside	3,046.32
Peace	0.00
Richardson	824.00
Riverside	1,039.00
Sandy Grove	4,830.00
Shady Grove	3,993.33
Suggs Grove	2,565.19
Tar Heel	8,539.51
West Bladenboro	1,851.33
White Lake	2,247.73
White Oak	1,814.00
Whites Creek	2,338.79
Zion Hill	4,524.00
TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS	119,852.05
WMU Thrift Shop	2,500.00
NC Bapt. State Conv.	5,131.57
NC Sales Tax Refund	825.06
Seminary Extension	0.00
Miscellaneous	28,397.20
Annuals	0.00
Disaster Recovery	85.00
Basketball League	3,959.00
Higher Plain Cowboy	4,540.60
TOTAL INCOME	165,290.48

BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

	2007 BUDGET		2008 BUDGET
100 EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES			
101 Sunday School	$ 1,000.00		1,000.00
102 Discipleship Training	600.00		600.00
103 Brotherhood	1,000.00		1,000.00
104 WMU	1,200.00		1,200.00
105 Missions Development	300.00		300.00
106 Music	300.00		500.00
107 Evangelism	1,500.00		1,500.00
108 Pastoral Care	500.00		500.00
109 Audio Visual (Media)	400.00		400.00
110 Association Administration	300.00		300.00
111 Seminary Extension	300.00		300.00
112 Special Training	350.00		350.00
113 Local Missions	600.00		600.00
114 Youth Ministry	800.00		800.00
115 Disaster Trailer	3,000.00		3,000.00
1015 Leisure Ministry	0.00		2,000.00
TOTAL	**$ 12,150.00**		**$ 14,350.00**
200 ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES			
201 Postage	$ 1,500.00		1,500.00
202 Office Supplies	3,000.00		3.000.00
203 Office Equipment & Maint.	1,900.00		1,900.00
204 Utilities	4,000.00		4,000.00
205 Building & Grounds Maint.	2,000.00		2,000.00
206 Insurance	2,125.00		2,125.00
207 Books & Literature	300.00		300.00
208 Services Min. Car, Travel-DOM	4,700.00		4,700.00
209 Convention & Assemblies-DOM	500.00		500.00
210 Annuity (Retirement) DOM	3,776.00		3,776.00
211 SS (Reimbursement) DOM	5,200.75		5,200.75
212 Social Security - Secretary	1,331.42		1,331.42
213 Housing & Utilities (DOM)	12,500.00		12,500.00
214 Medical Spending Fund (DOM)	1,000.00		1,000.00
215 Annuals	500.00		500.00
216 Health & Disability (DOM)	9,361.16		9,889.16
217 Secretary Annuity	0.00		1,260.00
TOTAL	**$ 53,694.33**		**$ 55,482.33**
300 SALARIES			
301 Director of Missions	21,315.41		22,538.00
302 Secretary	17,392.68	($1000.00 Sub)	16,132.68
303 Clerk	1 ,075.00		1,075.00
TOTAL	**$ 39,783.09**		**$ 39,745.68**
MISCELLANEOUS			
401 Emergency	$ 250.00		250.00
402 DOM/SEC Christmas Gift	750.00		750.00
403 Contingency	200.00		200.00
TOTAL	**$ 1,200.00**		**$ 1,200.00**
GRAND TOTAL	**$ 106,827.42**		**$ 110,778.01**

HISTORICAL TABLE-BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Association met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The Churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Browns Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at the meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon and organized the Bladen County Baptist Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session. We will be featuring the last fifteen (15) Sessions.

Session	Year	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
102.	1993	Sandy Grove White Oak	Jerry Beck	Marjorie Smith	Dwight Cooper Jerry Beck
103.	1994	Suggs Grove Northside	Jerry Beck	Marjorie Smith	David Rutland Sidney Britt
104.	1995	Tar Heel Dublin	David Rutland	Virginia Gause	Sidney Britt James Brooks
105.	1996	Hickory Grove Cypress Creek	David Rutland	Virginia Gause	James Brooks Clyde Coates
106.	1997	Center Road Friendship	Michael Thompson	Virginia Gause	Bruce Cannon Robert Boone
107.	1998	Galeed Clarkton, First	Michael Thompson	Virginia Gause	Oren Honeycutt Dewey Jackson
108.	1999	Zion Hill White Lake	Darryll Hester	Virginia Gause	Steve Butler Richard Smith
109.	2000	Bladenboro, First Elizabethtown	Darryll Hester	Virginia Gause	Dewey Jackson Orborn Gibson
110.	2001	Bethel Sandy Grove	Gene Brisson	Virginia Gause	Jerry Beck Don Coley
111.	2002	Cypress Creek Love Grove	Gene Brisson	Virginia Gause	Richard Smith Randy Andrews
112.	2003	Butters Shady Grove	Richard Smith	Virginia Gause	Randy Andrews Warren Hill
113.	2004	Galeed Northside	Richard Smith	Virginia Gause	J. S. (Bud) Parrish Lorenzo Torres
114.	2005	Friendship Whites Creek	Dewey Jackson	Virginia Gause	Marty Dupree, BSC Mike Penry
115.	2006	Dublin, First Riverside	Dewey Jackson	Virginia Gause	Scott Lewis David Coleman
116.	2007	White Lake Suggs Grove	Scott Lewis	Virginia Gause	Cameron McGill Bruce Martin

2007 DIGEST SUMMARY
Bladen Association

Church Name	TM	TB	OA	SSE	SSA	VBS	DT	MM	WMU	BM	TR	CP	AG	OSBC	NSBC
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	147	1	2	33	25	31	0	8	0	0	42,840	4,128	2,064	25	0
Beards Chapel, Garland	112	0	0	60	26	30	0	16	0	0	37,258	900	1,200	0	0
Bethel, Bladenboro	326	1	3	132	86	82	0	34	8	10	167,605	8,445	2,000	1,655	0
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	331	2	13	241	146	120	0	53	0	52	560,512	14,713	9,000	1,105	34,666
Briar Branch, Garland	136	0	1	52	22	63	0	0	0	0	51,000	0	600	310	1,500
Butters, Bladenboro	204	18	5	134	95	110	43	81	38	24	176,633	3,654	3,730	4,639	9,839
Center Road, Bladenboro	367	0	0	124	86	115	59	40	36	17	234,391	34,841	4,813	0	0
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	34	1	1	39	21	22	0	0	0	0	39,079	0	900	628	2,700
Clarkton First,	324	3	8	127	72	72	85	40	120	0	180,800	14,411	5,585	705	2,272
Council, Council	77	0	0	17	14	0	0	0	0	0	33,448	300	1,224	3,260	0
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	78	1	0	54	29	41	0	16	12	0	48,676	0	1,922	0	0
Dublin First, Dublin	477	18	25	337	195	291	228	93	218	50	492,759	15,000	10,500	4,476	5,134
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	553	6	0	331	135	155	0	98	75	0	691,542	21,999	8,400	0	0
Faith, White Oak	98	2	5	49	20	30	0	30	14	0	25,297	200	788	0	1,525
Friendship, Garland	118	0	2	54	30	0	0	33	56	11	66,424	746	1,492	1,492	3,187
Galeed, Bladenboro	620	2	12	324	160	220	146	85	105	80	440,744	30,000	7,500	20,793	13,656
Good News, Bladenboro	45	6	4	50	33	0	0	0	7	8	0	0	0	0	0
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	200	18	0	70	130	0	0	0	0	0	18,000	0	0	0	0
Grace, Bladenboro	127	16	3	168	75	116	78	30	38	19	74,289	0	1,432	0	200
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	338	5	5	128	79	93	76	57	39	57	185,958	7,500	2,000	65	0
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lisbon, Clarkton	167	9	9	89	70	72	0	42	39	0	85,000	2,850	1,800	0	1,200
Love Grove, Tar Heel	200	4	9	103	70	92	0	45	64	44	98,181	150	850	385	1,897
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	46	3	9	20	20	0	6	9	0	0	24,500	0	0	0	600
New Center, Bladenboro	145	4	8	80	42	55	44	38	17	0	78,071	1,500	1,500	275	0
Northside, Bladenboro	234	2	8	128	93	139	51	38	43	42	170,927	9,919	2,480	0	1,797
Peace, Bladenboro	23	0	7	18	10	25	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	107	9	15	76	34	58	53	32	12	45	79,516	0	800	0	0
Riverside, Harrells	144	0	0	50	25	12	29	24	10	0	70,751	0	1,000	2,843	1,871
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	290	1	3	109	80	75	47	25	18	15	120,777	6,000	4,800	0	0
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	236	11	0	91	40	90	0	31	28	18	112,042	5,500	4,200	3,945	1,200
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	182	10	0	95	42	56	0	24	40	8	87,279	1,260	2,400	0	574
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	319	3	5	188	118	105	60	63	38	16	199,150	11,029	10,968	5,867	4,212

TM - Total Membership
TB - Total Baptisms
OA - Other Additions
SSE - Bible Study Enrollment
SSA - Bible Study Avg Attendance
VBS - Vacation Bible School Enrollment
DT - Discipleship Training Enrollment
MM - Music Ministry Enrollment
WMU - Women's Mission Organizations Enrollment
BM - Baptist Men's Organizations Enrollment
TR - Total Receipts
CP - Cooperative Program Gifts
AG - Association Gifts
OSBC - Other SBC Mission Gifts
NSBC - Non-SBC Mission Gifts

2007 DIGEST SUMMARY
Bladen Association

Church Name	TM	TB	OA	SSE	SSA	VBS	DT	MM	WMU	BM	TR	CP	AG	OSBC	NSBC
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	228	3	2	80	45	60	0	23	18	15	74,597	1,041	2,000	0	2,060
White Lake, Elizabethtown	253	1	0	28	25	29	14	12	10	4	65,717	2,812	2,812	0	4,400
White Oak, White Oak	234	7	5	72	42	102	0	30	9	8	73,282	1,000	1,800	0	1,000
White's Creek, Clarkton	263	15	0	108	54	145	36	20	24	22	67,010	1,234	2,890	0	0
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	198	1	4	97	67	137	69	41	40	24	220,354	7,500	4,000	1,000	700
Association Totals	7,981	183	173	3,956	2,356	2,843	1,124	1,219	1,176	589	5,194,409	208,632	109,450	53,468	96,190

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Bladen Association

2007 MEMBERSHIP, CONGREGATION, & BAPTISM INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	Year Organized	Year Pastor Came	BAPTISMS	OTHER ADDITIONS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	1870	1996	1	2	147	82
Beards Chapel, Garland	1888	0	0	0	112	58
Bethel, Bladenboro	1881	2005	1	3	326	219
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	1911	2003	2	13	331	292
Briar Branch, Garland	1845	2004	0	1	136	86
Butters, Bladenboro	1932	2005	18	5	204	204
Center Road, Bladenboro	1885	1994	0	0	367	257
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	1987	1987	1	1	34	34
Clarkton First,	1884	2005	3	8	324	210
Council, Council	1912	2003	0	0	77	34
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	1853	1995	1	0	78	70
Dublin First, Dublin	1950	2000	18	25	477	430
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	1903	1996	6	0	553	369
Faith, White Oak	1978	2003	2	5	98	58
Friendship, Garland	1976	2007	0	2	118	72
Galeed, Bladenboro	1876	2007	2	12	620	437
Good News, Bladenboro	2001	2001	6	4	45	45
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	1995	1996	18	0	200	140
Grace, Bladenboro	1957	2007	16	3	127	90
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	1834	2004	5	5	338	328
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lisbon, Clarkton	1870	2007	9	9	167	111
Love Grove, Tar Heel	1872	1999	4	9	200	152
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	2002	2007	3	9	46	25
New Center, Bladenboro	1947	1986	4	8	145	98
Northside, Bladenboro	1954	2003	2	8	234	215
Peace, Bladenboro	1989	1991	0	7	23	23
Richardson, Bladenboro	1914	2007	9	15	107	80
Riverside, Harrells	1924	1996	0	0	144	71
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	1873	2005	1	3	290	210
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	1885	2003	11	0	236	205
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	1832	2005	10	0	182	130
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	1872	0	3	5	319	198
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	1917	2003	3	2	228	101
White Lake, Elizabethtown	1832	0	1	0	253	116
White Oak, White Oak	1859	2006	7	5	234	143
White's Creek, Clarkton	1914	2003	15	0	263	222
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	1885	2003	1	4	198	128
		TOTALS	183	173	7,981	5,743

Bladen Association
2007 BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	TOTAL SS ENROLLMENT	PRESCHOOL	CHILDREN	YOUTH	ADULTS 18-24	ADULTS 25-34	ADULTS 35-54	ADULTS 55-64	ADULTS 65-Up	OFFICERS	Other BIBLE STUDY	SS AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	VBS
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	33	0	0	0	0	0	'SS_35_54	0	0	4	SundaySchoolOther	25	31
Beards Chapel, Garland	60	0	0	0	5	2	'SS_35_54	0	13	3	SundaySchoolOther	26	30
Bethel, Bladenboro	132	0	0	0	8	8	'SS_35_54	0	37	4	SundaySchoolOther	86	82
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	241	0	0	0	20	23	'SS_35_54	0	26	7	SundaySchoolOther	146	120
Briar Branch, Garland	52	0	0	0	0	4	'SS_35_54	0	9	6	SundaySchoolOther	22	63
Butters, Bladenboro	134	0	0	0	10	29	'SS_35_54	0	13	0	SundaySchoolOther	95	110
Center Road, Bladenboro	124	0	0	0	21	0	'SS_35_54	0	20	7	SundaySchoolOther	86	115
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	39	0	0	0	1	1	'SS_35_54	0	8	1	SundaySchoolOther	21	22
Clarkton First,	127	0	0	0	7	2	'SS_35_54	0	38	5	SundaySchoolOther	72	72
Council, Council	17	0	0	0	0	0	'SS_35_54	0	5	1	SundaySchoolOther	14	0
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	54	0	0	0	0	9	'SS_35_54	0	12	3	SundaySchoolOther	29	41
Dublin First, Dublin	337	0	0	0	22	74	'SS_35_54	0	51	0	SundaySchoolOther	195	291
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	331	0	0	0	34	25	'SS_35_54	0	92	4	SundaySchoolOther	135	155
Faith, White Oak	49	0	0	0	0	6	'SS_35_54	0	3	1	SundaySchoolOther	20	30
Friendship, Garland	54	0	0	0	0	3	'SS_35_54	0	9	2	SundaySchoolOther	30	0
Galeed, Bladenboro	324	0	0	0	25	20	'SS_35_54	0	63	9	SundaySchoolOther	160	220
Good News, Bladenboro	50	0	0	0	4	2	'SS_35_54	0	5	5	SundaySchoolOther	33	0
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	70	0	0	0	9	45	'SS_35_54	0	0	0	SundaySchoolOther	130	0
Grace, Bladenboro	168	0	0	0	9	13	'SS_35_54	0	12	2	SundaySchoolOther	75	116
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	128	0	0	0	11	29	'SS_35_54	0	17	2	SundaySchoolOther	79	93
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	'SS_35_54	0	0	0	SundaySchoolOther	0	0

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Lisbon, Clarkton	89	0	0	0	4	20	'SS_35_54	0	6	3	Sunday School Other	70	72
Love Grove, Tar Heel	103	0	0	0	11	23	'SS_35_54	0	12	1	Sunday School Other	70	92
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	20	0	0	0	0	5	'SS_35_54	0	0	0	Sunday School Other	20	0
New Center, Bladenboro	80	0	0	0	7	8	'SS_35_54	0	10	2	Sunday School Other	42	55
Northside, Bladenboro	128	0	0	0	7	15	'SS_35_54	0	6	3	Sunday School Other	93	139
Peace, Bladenboro	18	0	0	0	0	3	'SS_35_54	0	3	0	Sunday School Other	10	25
Richardson, Bladenboro	76	0	0	0	7	8	'SS_35_54	0	13	0	Sunday School Other	34	58
Riverside, Harrells	50	0	0	0	3	3	'SS_35_54	0	9	5	Sunday School Other	25	12
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	109	0	0	0	4	8	'SS_35_54	0	36	2	Sunday School Other	80	75
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	91	0	0	0	0	20	'SS_35_54	0	9	13	Sunday School Other	40	90
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	95	0	0	0	7	9	'SS_35_54	0	15	5	Sunday School Other	42	56
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	188	0	0	0	10	15	'SS_35_54	0	46	1	Sunday School Other	118	105
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	80	0	0	0	0	3	'SS_35_54	0	28	3	Sunday School Other	45	60
White Lake, Elizabethtown	28	0	0	0	2	2	'SS_35_54	0	7	2	Sunday School Other	25	29
White Oak, White Oak	72	0	0	0	6	4	'SS_35_54	0	12	2	Sunday School Other	42	102
White's Creek, Clarkton	108	0	0	0	20	8	'SS_35_54	0	4	4	Sunday School Other	54	145
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	97	0	0	0	5	3	'SS_35_54	0	45	4	Sunday School Other	67	137
TOTALS	3,956	0	0	0	279	452	658	0	694	116	0	2,356	2,843

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2007 PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT ENROLLMENT	MUSIC MINISTRY ENROLLMENT	WMU ENROLLMENT	BAPTIST MEN ENROLLMENT	MISSION PROJECT INFORMATION
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	0	8	0	0	0
Beards Chapel, Garland	0	16	0	0	0
Bethel, Bladenboro	0	34	8	10	0
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	0	53	0	52	29
Briar Branch, Garland	0	0	0	0	0
Butters, Bladenboro	43	81	38	24	0
Center Road, Bladenboro	59	40	36	17	15
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	0	21
Clarkton First,	85	40	120	0	310
Council, Council	0	0	0	0	0
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	0	16	12	0	0
Dublin First, Dublin	228	93	218	50	16
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	0	98	75	0	40
Faith, White Oak	0	30	14	0	0
Friendship, Garland	0	33	56	11	57
Galeed, Bladenboro	146	85	105	80	130
Good News, Bladenboro	0	0	7	8	5
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	0	0
Grace, Bladenboro	78	30	38	19	0
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	76	57	39	57	24
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	0	0	0	0	0
Lisbon, Clarkton	0	42	39	0	0
Love Grove, Tar Heel	0	45	64	44	30
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	6	9	0	0	25
New Center, Bladenboro	44	38	17	0	0
Northside, Bladenboro	51	38	43	42	6
Peace, Bladenboro	0	8	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	53	32	12	45	15
Riverside, Harrells	29	24	10	0	0
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	47	25	18	15	0
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	0	31	28	18	56
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	0	24	40	8	18
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	60	63	38	16	38
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	0	23	18	15	7
White Lake, Elizabethtown	14	12	10	4	0
White Oak, White Oak	0	30	9	8	15
White's Creek, Clarkton	36	20	24	22	0
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	69	41	40	24	41
TOTALS	1,124	1,219	1,176	589	898

Bladen Association
2007 MISSION FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	ASSOCIATION	SBC	NON-SBC	MISSION OFFERING GIVING		
					STATE	NATIONAL	INTERNATIONAL
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	4,128	2,064	0	0	0	100	430
Beards Chapel, Garland	900	1,200	0	0	500	0	0
Bethel, Bladenboro	8,445	2,000	0	0	2,700	500	1,590
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	14,713	9,000	0	34,666	0	1,932	2,269
Briar Branch, Garland	0	600	0	1,500	0	0	0
Butters, Bladenboro	3,654	3,730	0	9,839	0	1,461	2,570
Center Road, Bladenboro	34,841	4,813	0	0	0	7,059	6,573
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	0	900	0	2,700	0	0	154
Clarkton First,	14,411	5,585	0	2,272	80	1,558	4,206
Council, Council	300	1,224	0	0	500	1,844	1,005
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	0	1,922	0	0	961	961	961
Dublin First, Dublin	15,000	10,500	0	5,134	275	4,476	2,906
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	21,999	8,400	0	0	206	395	884
Faith, White Oak	200	788	0	1,525	0	0	0
Friendship, Garland	746	1,492	0	3,187	0	1,069	710
Galeed, Bladenboro	30,000	7,500	0	13,656	3,776	8,051	8,820
Good News, Bladenboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grace, Bladenboro	0	1,432	0	200	2,147	526	0
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	7,500	2,000	0	0	125	1,429	3,885
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lisbon, Clarkton	2,850	1,800	0	1,200	0	1,000	1,200
Love Grove, Tar Heel	150	850	0	1,897	0	0	170
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	600	0	0	0
New Center, Bladenboro	1,500	1,500	0	0	3,154	1,000	1,000
Northside, Bladenboro	9,919	2,480	0	1,797	2,333	1,922	2,303
Peace, Bladenboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	0	800	0	0	0	0	0
Riverside, Harrells	0	1,000	0	1,871	0	1,018	822
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	6,000	4,800	0	0	190	2,562	6,313
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	5,500	4,200	0	1,200	0	2,605	2,271
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	1,260	2,400	0	574	0	723	1,022
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	11,029	10,968	0	4,212	500	1,240	2,820
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	1,041	2,000	0	2,060	500	890	926
White Lake, Elizabethtown	2,812	2,812	0	4,400	200	262	4,783
White Oak, White Oak	1,000	1,800	0	1,000	265	380	455
White's Creek, Clarkton	1,234	2,890	0	0	0	1,234	550
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	7,500	4,000	0	700	2,000	2,088	2,900
TOTALS	**208,632**	**109,450**	**0**	**96,190**	**20,412**	**48,285**	**64,498**

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2007 GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	UNDESIGNATED RECEIPTS	DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	OTHER RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	PROPERTY VALUE
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	555	0	42,840	450,000
Beards Chapel, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	9,071	0	37,258	200,000
Bethel, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	31,124	0	167,605	1,772,400
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	244,016	0	560,512	1,500,000
Briar Branch, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	51,000	350,000
Butters, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	176,633	0	176,633	250,000
Center Road, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	234,391	400,000
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	12,748	0	39,079	200,000
Clarkton First,	'Undesignated Gifts	16,642	4,026	180,800	600,000
Council, Council	'Undesignated Gifts	8,133	0	33,448	75,000
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	629	0	48,676	300,000
Dublin First, Dublin	'Undesignated Gifts	148,327	2,257	492,759	1,600,000
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	81,267	120,825	691,542	6,000,000
Faith, White Oak	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	25,297	150,000
Friendship, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	4,199	0	66,424	942,000
Galeed, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	184,892	0	440,744	2,000,000
Good News, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	0	40,000
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	18,000	350,000
Grace, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	2,118	0	74,289	250,000
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	77,459	0	185,958	3,500,000
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	0	0
Lisbon, Clarkton	'Undesignated Gifts	8,850	0	85,000	345,000
Love Grove, Tar Heel	'Undesignated Gifts	1,256	1,294	98,181	750,000
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	24,500	0
New Center, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	78,071	750,000
Northside, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	19,214	0	170,927	275,000
Peace, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	34,516	0	79,516	500,000
Riverside, Harrells	'Undesignated Gifts	3,204	650	70,751	350,000
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	10,557	0	120,777	1,655,000

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Shady Grove, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	12,411	0	112,042	750,000
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	'Undesignated Gifts	8,883	5,825	87,279	1,200,000
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	'Undesignated Gifts	29,304	137	199,150	1,724,000
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	4,086	0	74,597	1,196,000
White Lake, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	10,023	0	65,717	0
White Oak, White Oak	'Undesignated Gifts	5,510	2,493	73,282	850,000
White's Creek, Clarkton	'Undesignated Gifts	2,280	0	67,010	825,000
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	32,981	687	220,354	600,000
TOTALS	3,875,327	1,180,888	138,194	5,194,409	32,699,400

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The Bladen Baptist Association was organized in 1892. The Association now consists of thirty-six churches and one (Hispanic) mission.

Grace Baptist Church
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The service for organizing the Pittman Road Mission into Grace Baptist Church was held on December 13, 1959, in the mission building. This was the first written record of Grace Baptist Church.

Between the years of 1956 and 1957, Mrs. Pearl Hall, former Bladen Association Missionary, and Mrs. Clara Buie Wall, started holding cottage prayer meetings in the homes of families in their community. Seeing the need for a building to meet in, Mr. and Mrs. George Powers donated the land and Graham Shepherd helped with the building of a one room church. There were 27 charter members. The first deacons were Emmett Atkinson, Joseph Hall, and Graham Shepherd. Mrs. Pearl Hall was the first clerk.

Elected as Sunday School Superintendent in 1960, Mrs. Mildred Hilburn has served faithfully for 48 years.

Reverend Orborn Gibson was the first called pastor and pastored Grace Baptist Church for 46 years. Until his death in 2003, he faithfully gave of his time and talents to the cause of Christ.

Grace Baptist was admitted to the Bladen Baptist Association in 1980.

Sunday School rooms were added in 1960, and in 1979 the church was remodeled with an addition to the sanctuary. When the church sanctuary was completed, William Shaw rallied the church to build a Fellowship Hall.

In 2001 the church embraced another building project, classrooms were enlarged and two bathrooms were added. They also gained more choir and pulpit space and a baptistry. These new additions to the church were dedicated to Reverend Gibson on November 24, 2002. (In past years baptismal services were held at Singletary Mill Pond and Bryant's Mill Pond.) On April 3, 2003 Reverend Gibson officiated at the first baptismal service using the new baptistry. This was something he had anxiously awaited.

Grace was blessed to have Reverend Greg Packer as their second pastor. He was there from February 29, 2004 until June 28, 2006, when he resigned because of health problems.

Under Reverend Packer's leadership, youth and children's "Puppet" and "Creative Movement" teams were begun. The teams performed at other churches and at campgrounds. They also went door-to-door and to rest homes handing out religious tracts and inviting people to church.

The current pastor is Reverend Arthur Smith. He and his wife Pat have been at Grace Baptist Church since January 7, 2007. Under his leadership, Grace continues to strive to grow in love and wisdom and in favor with God. Church membership is now one hundred eleven (111).

Thank God for the lady visionaries who saw a need for home visitation and the desire to see a church built for their community; for the families who contributed land, materials, monetary donations and themselves to this task. Thank God for the pastors God has sent to Grace; pastors filled with the love of God and led by the Holy Spirit; and for those who put forth the effort to build the Fellowship Hall, and those who made it possible to remodel. Thank God for those who worked long hours cleaning the buildings and keeping the grounds, and for those who, through encouragement and prayers, have helped Grace move closer to what God would have them become.

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Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 P.M., Youth Meeting 7:30 P.M.
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One Hundred Seventeenth Annual Session

of the Bladen Baptist Association

October 27, 2008 – October 28, 2008

Moderator: Rev. Scott Lewis

Theme: Priority One: Taking the Word to the World

Monday Evening - October 27, 2008 First Baptist Church of Clarkton

The One Hundred-Seventeenth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association met at First Baptist Church of Clarkton at 5:45 p.m. with dinner for the pastors, spouses and guest. The registration began at 6:30 p.m.

A prelude concert was presented by the Zambian Vocal Group.

DOM Cannon introduced the new pastors as follows: Dr. Bob Bailey, Interim, Elizabethtown Baptist; Rev. Thomas Whray, Hickory Grove; Rev. Gene Smith, New Beginnings; Rev. Stan Jenkins, Riverside; Rev. Barry Swain, Shady Grove; and Rev. John Rollyson, Tar Heel.

DOM Cannon asked for prayer for the following: Rev. & Mrs. James Brooks. Rev. Brooks was the former pastor of Hickory Grove and they had come back for Homecoming services at Hickory Grove and Mrs. Brooks is now critically ill in Cape Fear Hospital in Fayetteville: Mr. & Mrs. Jack Miller of Council. Mrs. Miller is in the hospital in Lumberton; Mrs. Katie Halloman, mother of Mrs. Libby Hayes, Good News Baptist Church is a patient at Sunbridge; and Mrs. Ruby Beck.

Dr. Larry Pittman, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Clarkton welcomed everyone and led in prayer. Mrs. Judy Elkins gave a brief history of the church.

Moderator Scott Lewis called the meeting to order followed by the congregation singing a hymn.

ORGANIZATION

Enrollment of Messengers: Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk, made a motion that these and any other messengers who might register later constitute the One Hundred Seventeenth Annual Session of the Bladen Baptist Association. There were sixty-five (65) messengers and forty-seven (47) guest, making a total of one hundred-twelve (112) present. The motion received a second and was approved.

Adoption of Program: Moderator Scott Lewis made a motion for the adoption of the program. Motion received a second and was approved.

Introduction of Guest: DOM Bruce Cannon introduced Tom Denton, Baptist State Convention, who brought greetings from the State. See pages 38-40, Book of Reports. Mr. Denton presented a check to the association in the amount of $3,000 from the Baptist Foundation for the Southeastern Carolina Crossroads Ministry.

Miscellaneous Business:

Request for Fellowship into the Bladen Baptist Association: Rev. Richard Smith, Chairman of the Watch Care Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting read a letter from the Higher Plains Cowboy Church requesting to be accepted into the fellowship of the Bladen Baptist Association. Rev. Randy Andrews requested that the Open Door Ministry be accepted into fellowship of the Bladen Baptist Association. These two matters of business will be voted on at tomorrow's business session.

Rev. Andrews also announced that on Thanksgiving Day there will be a free meal served to the homeless, shut-ins and anybody else that is in need at the Elizabethtown Armory. This meal will be sponsored by the following: Open Door Ministry, New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown Baptist Church, Lisbon Baptist Church, Richardson Baptist, the Presbyterians and the Methodist of Elizabethtown.

DOM Appreciation Offering: Rev. Cameron McGill followed up with his motion made at the July 22, 2008 Executive Meeting, that an offering be taken up on the first night of the annual meeting for DOM Cannon to show our appreciation for his endless service to the churches and their pastors. The offering was taken up as this time.

Theme Emphasis:

Reports: Report indications how God is using the Bladen Baptist Association were given by the following:

1. Rev. Warren Hill – Chaplain at West Bladen High School. He recognized Rev. Joey Autry, Galeed and Rev. Bobby Winebarger, Butters and Rev. John Rollyson, Tar Heel for their help with the devotions at West Bladen, Bladenboro Middle and Tar Heel Schools.
2. Gary McMillian reported on the Dirt Racing for Jesus Ministry. He asked for prayer for this ministry as they witness to those who are dirt racing and for the fans who come to the races. They are ministering to six different race tracks which extends into Virginia.
3. Lisa Hester reported on the WMU work and thanked all the volunteers who work at the Thrift Store in Bladenboro. Most of the proceeds from the store go to Hands on Africa Ministry.
4. Rev. Walter Hayes told about the White Lake Leisure Ministry. See page 34 in the Book of Reports for the report of ministry.
5. Rev. Randy Andrews reported on the Open Door Ministries. They go out into the street to reach people for Christ.
6. DOM encouraged the churches that do not have Bible Drills in their churches to get the children involved in this ministry.

Hands on Africa Ministry: DOM recognized Drs. Rowland Myburgh and Andre Delport, Missionaries They both gave a report on their work in Africa. They thanked the Bladen Baptist Association for being a partner in this ministry.

Call to Worship:

The Zambian Vocal Group rendered several musical selections to begin the worship service.

Annual Sermon: Rev. Kincy Barrow rendered the annual sermon speaking from the theme of *Priority One: Taking the Word to the World.*

The annual session closed for the day with the congregation singing a hymn. The meeting will reconvene tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 p.m. at White Oak Baptist Church.

Tuesday Afternoon Session

October 28, 2008 White Oak Baptist Church

Presiding: Rev. Scott Lewis, Moderator

Pre-Session Registration began at 3:00 p.m.

Welcome, Scripture and Prayer: Rev. Danny Lewis, Pastor.

Special Music: Mrs. Crystal Dowd

Brief History of Host Church: Mrs. Millie Bronson

Director of Missions Report: DOM Bruce Cannon Mrs. Brenda Gray, Baptist Children's Home and the Odom Home Choir for coming.

Place for the January Executive Meeting: Riverside Baptist Church volunteered to host the meeting.

Annual Meeting for 2009: Requesting a church to host the Monday meeting. Tuesday meeting has been taken care of.

DOM requested prayer for all their endeavors to serve the associational needs.

Thanks made for the churches involvement during the year and at the annual meetings.

Thanks for all the support and the privilege of being able to serve in the churches.

See Director's full report on page 29 of the Book of Reports for 2008.

Hymn: *Victory In Jesus* sang by the congregation.

Baptist Children's Home Report: Mrs. Brenda Gray gave her thanks for what the Bladen Baptist Association and the local churches does for the Children's Home. She told several stories about children who have received help through them this year. Their theme this year is "A Loving Touch". The Odom Home Choir rendered several songs.

Divisions Reports:

WMU: Mrs. Lisa Hester reported. See page 32 Book of Reports

Baptist Men: DOM reported for Mr. Thurman Bass. See page 33, Book of Reports.

Discipleship Training: See page 31 Book of Reports.

Sunday School: Mr. Joey Autry reported. See page 30, Book of Reports.

Music: Rev. Kincy Barrow reported. See page 34, Book of Reports.

Missions Development/Leisure Ministry: Rev. Walter Hayes – See page 35, Book of Reports.

Youth Ministry: No report

Miscellaneous Business:

Rev. Boyd Britt presented some of the changes that will exist between the churches and the IRS. There will be a meeting on November 20th pertaining to this issue. A letter will be sent to the churches for further information.

Executive Meetings:

DOM said there were 37 churches in the association and each church should have two executive members represented at the meetings, the pastor and one other member. These are the meetings in which the churches make plans and attend to the business of the association.

Moderator's Message: Rev. Scott Lewis relinquished his time to give Drs. Myburg and Delport, Missionaries from Africa an opportunity to share more about their work in Africa. They shared stories of their mission work and challenged 16 churches to adopt a church in Africa, which would cost only $200.00 per month.

After a Hymn sung by the Congregation a Benediction was led by the Moderator.

Dinner: White Oak Baptist – Host Church

Tuesday Evening

October 28, 2008 White Oak Baptist Church

Presiding: Rev. Boyd Britt, Vice Moderator

Call to Worship: A trio from the White Oak Baptist Church rendered a selection in song.

In Remembrance: DOM read the names of the deceased members from the associational churches. See page 54 for list.

Committee Reports:
Evangelism: Rev. Danny Lewis reported. See page 36, Book of Reports.
Nominating: DOM reported. See pages 3-6, Book of Reports. Report approved
Finance: DOM reported. See paged 56-59, Book of Reports. Report approved
Historian: Mrs. Ethelene Barnes reported. See page 37, Book of Reports.

Preacher/Place Committee: Reported by Rev. John Rollyson. Monday Session to be held at Bethel with Rev. George Langley, Preacher. Tuesday session to be held at Tar Heel Baptist Church. The report was approved.

Resolutions Committee Report: Rev. Larry Hayes made the following resolution:
"Be it resolved that the messengers of the one-hundred seventeenth session of the Bladen Baptist Association thank the leadership of the FBC of Clarkton and White Oak Baptist Church for their hospitality, fellowship and gracious spirit in hosting the annual session. We would also thank our associational leadership for the well planned program which provided meaningful celebration of our work together." The report was approved.

Miscellaneous Business: The following two items of business carried over from the Monday session was brought before the session as follows:

Recommendation from Higher Plains Cowboy Church to join fellowship in the Bladen Baptist Association. Rev. Richard Smith presented the request as a recommendation that the church be accepted and was approved with no opposition.

Recommendation from Open Doors Ministry to come under the watchcare of the association. Recommendation was approved with no opposition. Vice-Moderator Britt appointed the following to serve as a Watchcare Committee: Rev. Jerry Beck, Rev. Barry Helms, Rev. Richard Smith, Rev. Larry Hayes, Rev. John Rollyson, Glenn Lewis, Moderator and DOM.

Love Offering for DOM Cannon and Wendy: The offering was received. DOM expressed his deep appreciation for the love shown by the Association.

Rev. Jerry Beck: Thanked the Association for confidence in the Cowboy Church and introduced the members of the church that was present.

Associational Choir: The choir rendered several selections, directed by Rev. Kincy Barrow.

Message: Dr. George Braswell, Senior Professor of World Religions at Campbell Divinity School brought the evening message regarding Islam.

Prior to the congregation singing a hymn, Mrs. Ruby Beck gave her testimony about how God had intervened in her life and she said she had a story to tell and that she was telling it. The doctors call her "The Miracle Girl" (Mrs. Beck has been critically ill for sometime)

The evening session closed at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted by: Rev. Scott Lewis, Moderator

Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk

MESSENGERS TO ASSOCIATION
2008

ABBOTTSBURG – Rev. Dewey Jackson, Mrs. Eva Cashwell, Mrs. Jane Thompson, Mrs. Jane Walters
BEARDS CHAPEL – Rev. Barry Helms, Mrs. Lois Smith, Mrs. Alice C. Smith, Ms. Thelma Barnes
BETHEL – Rev. Warren Hill, Mrs. Tammie Melson, Mr. Steve Melson, Mr. Stewart Carroll, Mr. Bobby Roberts, Mrs. Kim Carroll, Mrs. Diana Roberts
BLADENBORO, FIRST – Rev. Bert Young, Mr. C. O. Bridger
BRIAR BRANCH – Mr. Troy Smith, Rev. Claybourn Faircloth, Mr. Robert Smith, Mrs. Katie Smith, Mrs. Ida Suggs
BUTTERS – Mrs. Mary Spence, Mrs. Janie Davis, Mrs. Grace Parnell, Rev. Bobby Winebarger, Alt. Janie Davis
CENTER ROAD – Rev. David Rutland, Kathleen Dowless, Margie Evers, Mr. Warren Dowless, Mrs. Linda Irving
CHRIST COMMUNITY – Rev. Leon Warren, Mrs. Lynn Warren
CLARKTON, FIRST – Mrs. Judy Elkins, Dr. Larry Pittman, Mr. Howard Elkins, Mr. Charles Wayne Phillips, Mrs. Kim Pittman, Alt. Frances Dawson, Alt. Greta Jackson
COUNCIL – Rev. Jack Miller, Mrs. Faye McDuffie, Mrs. Bonny Cox, Mr. Virgil McDuffie
CYPRESS CREEK – Mrs. Mittie Smith, Mrs. Lucille Smith, Rev. Richard Smith
DUBLIN – Rev. Cameron McGill, Mrs. Lucille Andrews, Dr. R.L. Summerlin, Mrs. Peggy Hill
ELIZABETHTOWN – Mr. David Clark
FAITH – Rev. Larry West, Mr. Thomas Barbour, Mr. Tommy Barbour
FRIENDSHIP – Mr. Nelson Norris, Mr. Fred Norris
GALEED – Dr. Mack Roberts, Ms. Patsi Callihan, Mr. Bobby Lennon, Mrs. Sue Lennon, Mrs. Irene Pait, Mrs. Carolyn Davis
GOOD NEWS – Mr. Ron Hedgpeth, Mr. Tullen Adams, Rev. Larry Hayes
GOOD SHEPHERD – Rev. Lorenzo Torres
GRACE – Debbie Edwards, Chant Lane, Deanie Williams, Rev. Arthur Smith, Alt. Tara Adams
HICKORY GROVE – Mr. Joe McLaughlin, Betty B. Hickman, Faye B. Allen-Taylor, Ewing Taylor
LISBON – Rev. Wade McLamb, Mrs. Virginia Gause, Mrs. Annie Sasser, Mrs. Carol Hardin
LOVE GROVE – Emmett Willis
NEW BEGINNINGS – Mrs. Teresa Smith, Rev. Gene Smith, Mr. Michael Smith
NEW CENTER – Rev. George Langley, Mr. Tom Ellis, L. T. Brown
NORTHSIDE – Rev. Scott Lewis, Mr. Kay Meismer, Mrs. Leah Lewis, Mr. Thurman Bass, Mrs. Janice Porter, Mr. Ray Porter, Mrs. Sharon Meismer
PEACE – Rev. Buddy Cain
RICHARDSON – Mrs. Joyce Wilkins, Mrs. Billy Faye White, Rev. Darin Andrews, Mr. Gary McMillan, Mr. Jeffrey Parnell, JoAnne Rogers
RIVERSIDE – Rev. Stan Jenkins
SANDY GROVE – Mrs. Margaret Edwards, Mrs. Delphia Pait, Rev. Jerry Beck, Ethel Kinlaw, Margaret Hardee, Gail Cain
SHADY GROVE – Mr. Alfred Edwards
SUGGS GROVE – Ms. Reba Edge, Mr. Glynn Lewis, Ms. Margaret Edge, Mrs. Mary Suggs, Ms. Marlene Smith, Ms. Jean Tew
TAR HEEL – Mrs. Mavis Singletary, Mr. Larry Martin, Rev. John Rollyson, Mrs. Lisa Abbott, Mr. Leon Martin
WEST BLADENBORO – Rev. Boyd Britt, William Lewis
WHITE LAKE – Rev. Walter Hayes
WHITE OAK – Mr. David Price, Mr. Bobby Batton, Rev. Danny Lewis
WHITE'S CREEK – Mrs. Lori Barrow, Mrs. Kim Bordeaux, Rev. Kincy Barrow, Mr. Shelton Bordeaux
ZION HILL – Brenda Burney, Mrs. Lisa Hester, Mr. Gene Brisson, Mrs. Doris Brisson

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH ORGANISTS
(OR PIANIST IF NO ORGANIST)

ABBOTTSBURG–Mrs. Retha Bryan—(910-648-4017)
BEARDS CHAPEL–Mrs. Faye Barnes–(910-588-4896)
BETHEL–Mrs. Tammie Melson–(910-866-4687)
BLADENBORO, FIRST–Mrs. Susan M. Kelly–(910-863-3436)
BRIAR BRANCH–Mrs. Elaine Dickens–(910-588-4867)
BUTTERS–Mr. Murray Bishop–(910-863-3470)
CENTER ROAD–Mrs. Meredith Dowless–(910-863-3043)
CHRIST COMMUNITY–Mrs. Judy Caulkins-(910-866-4806)
CLARKTON, FIRST–Mrs. Arrie Formyduval–(910-647-1211)
COUNCIL–Mrs. Doris Williams–(910-669-2574)
CYPRESS CREEK–Mrs. Jennifer Coble–(910-588-4698)
DUBLIN, FIRST–Mrs. Estelle Summerlin–(910-862-2020)
ELIZABETHTOWN–Mrs. Betty C. Womble–(910-862-3244)
FAITH–Ms. Melissa Todd–(910-866-5483)
FRIENDSHIP–Ms. Margaret Williams–(910-588-4462)
GALEED–Mr. Greg Lennon–(910-863-4595)
GOOD NEWS–Mr. Mike Thompson–(910-648-5429)
GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION–Mr. Leonel Arteaga
GRACE–Mrs. Patricia McKeithan–(910-863-3692)
HICKORY GROVE–Mrs. Phyllis Lewis–(910-648-4340)
LISBON–Mrs. Ann Kinlaw–(910-645-4811)
LOVE GROVE–Mrs. Penny Taylor–(910-866-5474)
NEW BEGINNINGS–
NEW CENTER–Miss Shelly Brown–(910-648-6215)
NORTHSIDE–Mrs. Doretta Lennon–(910-863-4432)
PEACE–
RICHARDSON–Mrs. Jennifer Nance–(910-648-4910)
RIVERSIDE–Mrs. Patsy McLaney–(910-532-6363)
SANDY GROVE–Mrs. Felisa Williams
SHADY GROVE–Mrs. Sherry Britt-(910-648-2385)
SUGGS GROVE–Mrs. Rosalie Russ–(910-862-4433)
TAR HEEL–Miss Vivian Wilson–(910-862-6266)
WEST BLADENBORO–Mrs. Camilla Rogers–(910-863-3349)
WHITE LAKE–Mr. Dennis Dagenhart-(910-862-2302)
WHITE OAK–Mr. John Reid-(910-866-5143)
WHITES CREEK–Mrs. Jackie Dennis–(910-645-4933)
ZION HILL–Mrs. Lisa Hester–(910-863-3135)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF
BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME: The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - MISSION: It is the Mission of this body to provide opportunity to member churches affiliated with it for cooperative efforts in carrying out the evangelistic and ministry directives of Jesus Christ; further to encourage and assist, when possible, each member church in doing the same.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP: The Association shall consist of messengers and executive members who are members of the affiliated church as follows:

1. Each church of fifty (50) members or less shall be entitled to three messengers, and for each additional fifth (50) members an additional messenger, provided that no church shall have more than five (5) lay messengers active and voting at one time. Each church shall be entitled to an equal number of alternate messengers who shall serve in the absence of the messengers. The messengers who compose the Association much come from churches that believe in practicing New Testament doctrine as set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message.*

1. Each church shall be entitled one executive member and senior pastor to serve as set forth in article IV.
2. The Pastors.
3. The elected officers of the Association

ARTICLE IV - EXECUTIVE BOARD: The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Association, together with a pastor and a layman from each affiliated church. The Executive Board is charged with the duty of executing the plans and decisions of the Association and the employment and direction of the Associational Director of Missions. A full report of its work shall be presented at each Fall Session, together with plans and recommendations for the promotion and extension of the work of the Association. The Executive Board shall act for the Association between sessions in conformity with the expressed decisions of the body. A vacancy occurring between sessions may be filled for the remainder of the year as set forth in Article VI (l) ©) of this constitution.

ARTICLE V - AFFILIATED CHURCHES: A Missionary Baptist Church desiring fellowship in the Association may submit a written request for membership at a Fall session, and may be received under the watchcare of the Association for a period of time to the next ensuing Fall Session, and then upon recommendation of the Committee On Membership, such church may be received as a member by two-thirds favorable vote of the duly qualified messengers in attendance at such session.
Any member church in good standing shall be entitled to a letter of dismissal and recommendation to another similar body. Such letter may be granted from the Association in session or by the Executive Board between sessions.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS:

(1) The Executive Officers of the Bladen Baptist Association shall be: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Other officers shall be Stewardship Director and Historian.

(a)Officers shall be approved at the April Executive Committee meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting. Nominees will be presented by the nominating committee or from the floor. All nominations must be with the prior consent of the nominee. They shall serve for one year beginning at the close of the annual meeting and ending at the close of the next.

(b)A qualified parliamentarian, well versed in Robert's Rules of Order, shall be appointed by the moderator during his term of office.

*(c)*If the office of Moderator becomes vacant, the vice-moderator shall become moderator for the rest of that term. Other vacancies in associational offices shall be filled by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Nominating Committee or from the floor, with prior consent of the nominee(s).

(d)A Moderator shall not serve more than two years in succession.

ARTICLE VII - DIVISION DIRECTORS

(1) A Division Director shall be approved by the Executive Committee during its April Meeting and duly elected at the annual meeting, for Sunday School, Discipleship Training, WMU, Brotherhood, Evangelism, Music, Seminary Extension, Church Media, Missions Development, Leisure Ministry, Youth, and other organizations which may be added by the Association. Nominations may be presented by the Nominating Committee or from the floor with the prior consent of the nominee(s).

(a)The Division Director will begin serving in October following election, but will be responsible for planning the program and budget for year under his/her direction.

(b)Each Director will select workers for that area and present them to the Nominating Committee for approval prior to the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee will then present the workers to the Association for approval at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL: The Associational Council shall consist of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Directors of each division. The staff members of the Associations shall serve in an ex-officio capacity.

The Associational Council shall serve in an advisory capacity to assist in planning, promoting, guiding, and calendar planning for the total Associational Program.

It will meet regularly prior to each Executive Board Meeting and Annual Session. It will consider, review, and/or prepare recommendations concerning the Associational Program for action by the Executive Board and/or Association.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES:

(1) Standing Committees shall be as follows and others may be added as deemed necessary by the Executive Board or Association. They are nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected at the Annual Meeting:

Nominations	Constitution	Ordination
Membership	The Office Building and Grounds	
Finance	DOM Relations	

(2) Associational Committees: The Moderator shall appoint the following committees at the July Executive Board Meeting: (a) Committee on Place and Preacher for the following year, (b) Committee on Resolutions, ©) Committee on Enrollment, (d) Membership Committee, if needed, and (e) any other committees which may be authorized by the Association. These committees shall report during the annual session.

ARTICLE X - PROCEDURE: The business of the Association shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order, unless otherwise provided for in the Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE XI - AMENDMENT: This Constitution may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board meeting prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on the second day.

ARTICLE XII - ADOPTION: Upon adoption, this constitution shall become effective at the close of this session of the Bladen Baptist Association.

BY-LAWS
OF
Bladen Baptist Association

I. NAME

The name of this body shall be Bladen Baptist Association as set forth in Article I of the attached constitution. The location shall be Elizabethtown, Bladen County, North Carolina.

II. FAITH

This Baptist association accepts the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament as our rule of faith and practice. It affirms the doctrinal positions set forth in *The Baptist Faith and Message,* and hereby incorporates that statement into these bylaws.

III. PURPOSE

As set forth in Article II of the attached constitution.

IV . POLITY AND RELATIONSHIPS

The government of this association is vested in the members who compose it. It is subject to the control of no other ecclesiastical or political body or bodies.
We realize there is mutual helpfulness in working with other associations of like faith and practice as to encourage the spirit of fellowship and good will. We also recognize that there have been devised, through the voluntary cooperation of churches of like faith and order, organizations whose purpose it is to implement the missionary, educational and benevolent interests and obligations of this association and its affiliated churches. Believing that the North Carolina State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention are organizations which have as their sole purpose the promotion and support of missions; education and benevolence of the character and in keeping with the spirit of the Bylaws and Constitution of this association, we therefore voluntarily agree to participate in the programs and ministries of these organizations.

V. MEMBERSHIP AND AFFILIATION

Section A: Requirement and Procedure

Membership will be as set forth in Article III and IV of attached Constitution of this body, namely the Bladen Baptist Association.

Section B: Duties of Affiliated Churches

1. *Cooperation:* Any church affiliated with this body shall support the same financially and be sympathetic with the purpose and mission of this body. Any voting member of this body must first be a member of an affiliated church.
2. *Provide Annual Church Profile (ACP):* Each affiliated church shall send to the clerk of the Association fourteen (14) days prior to the Fall Session of the Association, on forms furnished by the clerk, a full report of the church work for the year sending September 30th.

Section C: Rights of Affiliation and Membership

1. Each affiliated church has a right to be represented by messengers or executive committee members as set forth in article III and IV of attached constitution of this body; who in turn shall have the right to vote on all matters brought before this association.

2. Any member of an affiliated church is eligible for consideration by the membership of the association for nomination to any elective office in the association.

Section D: Termination of Affiliation

Church affiliation with this association may be terminated in the following ways:

1. By the affiliated church's request. The affiliated church may write a letter of request that its affiliation with Bladen Baptist Association be terminated. Such termination shall be effective as of the date the request is received and approved.

2. By exclusion. The association, after due notice and a reasonable opportunity for hearing and kindly efforts to make such action unnecessary, may terminate the affiliation of churches who fail to be supportive financially or fail to be sympathetic with the doctrine and purpose of this association.

VI. MEETINGS

Section A: Business.

Quorum. 12 affiliated churches represented by voting messenger(s) or executive board members shall constitute a quorum

1. Annual Sessions of the Association shall be held on Monday Evening and Tuesday Afternoon and Evening following the fourth Sunday in October.

2. Quarterly Sessions: The Executive Board shall meet on Tuesday following the third Sunday of January, April and July.

3. Special meetings may be called by the moderator or the director of missions provided one week advanced notice s given to the affiliated churches.

Section B: Procedure

All meetings of the Association shall be opened with a devotional service followed by the order of business or agenda and closed with prayer. *An order of business shall be adopted at the beginning of each annual session which shall be changed only a two-thirds vote of the body.*

Section C: The Associational Year

The associational year and reports shall cover October lst through September 30th. The fiscal year shall be January lst through December 31st.

VII. OFFICERS

Section A. Generally

Executive Officers of the Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer. Other officers shall be stewardship director, historian and such others as the association shall determine. For all such officers the association shall establish and set forth in the bylaws, their means of selection and duties. All officers must be members in good standing of an affiliated church and serve at the pleasure of the association.

Duties of Executive Officers

a. Function as Board of Directors. The currently serving Executive Officers shall meet and acting together, constitute the Board of Directors of Bladen Baptist Association. Such Board of Directors shall change by and in the same procedure as Executive officers change. In their capacity as directors, they shall have the duties and responsibilities attendant to Directors, subject however to the limitation set forth in the charter bylaws and constitution. The Directors shall not have power, except as expressly authorized by the association, to purchase or sell or encumber any real or personal property, to install or remove officers or staff, to amend the Charter, bylaws or constitution, or to bind the corporation to any contract.

b. Corporate Officers. The Moderator shall, whenever required by law or practice, serve as the President of the corporation, having only such express powers as are granted by the association, and having no power absent such express authorization to bind the corporation in any matter or act for it. In a similar manner and subject to the same limitations, the Vice-Moderator shall be authorized to act as the Vice-President.

Section B. Moderator

The moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings of the Association. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

Section C. Vice-Moderator

The Vice-Moderator shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually as set forth in article VI of the attached constitution. The Vice-Moderator shall preside in the absence of the moderator. He/She shall be a member of the Executive Board, and as opportunity may permit, shall act as fraternal visitor to the churches throughout the year, representing the fellowship of the entire association.

Section D. Clerk

The clerk shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Clerk shall work with the Associational Staff in keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of the association, and shall prepare and cause to be published and distributed, as directed by the Association or Executive Board, minutes and statistics of the Association as soon as practical after adjournment of the Fall Session. He/She shall mail the necessary forms and letters to the clerks of the churches affiliated with the association six weeks before they are due. Copies of the annuals shall be provided without charge for the officers, and provided for affiliated churches as requested by payment. A copy shall be sent to each department of the Baptist State Convention and other institutions and individuals as the Association or Executive Committee may direct.

Section E. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Treasurer shall work with the Associational Staff to receive all receipts of the association, disburse them according to its order, and present a printed report of the same to the Fall Session of the Association and to the Executive Board.

Section F. Stewardship Director

The Stewardship Director shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Stewardship Director shall be responsible for Stewardship promotion working with the Director of Missions and subject to the supervision of the Executive Board.

Section G. Historian

The Historian shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the association annually. The Historian shall encourage churches to preserve their historical material, to publish a church history from time to time, and to observe their special anniversaries. He/She should maintain an Associational Historical Collection.

VIII COMMITTEES

Section A. Generally

Committees of the association shall be nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association except those committees appointed by the moderator. Such committees are clearly designated in the by-laws and constitution. There are two types of committees, standing and special. Standing committees are listed in these by-laws while special committees are elected by the association in accordance to need.

Section B. Duties

1. THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE: The Program Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Director of Missions, Director of Music and Pastors of the host churches. The Vice-Moderator shall be chairman of this committee. It shall prepare a printed program for the Annual Meeting and distribute copies to program personnel and pastors at least thirty (30) days in advance. The committee shall present the program for adoption by the association and manage any adjustments.

2. FINANCE COMMITTEE: This committee shall consist of five members whose duty it shall be....to supervise the financial program of the association and to report to the Executive Board regarding the same at each quarterly meeting. The Finance Committee shall submit to the Executive Board at the July Meeting, a budget for the coming year. The budget will be voted on at the Fall Session of the Association.

3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: This Committee, composed of 5 members, shall nominate officers, Division Directors and committee members as set forth in Article V and IX of this constitution. It shall also nominate associational representatives for convention institutions and agencies are deemed appropriate by the Executive Committee or association. Vacancies occurring between annual sessions shall be filed by the Executive Board upon presentation of nominee(s) by this committee.

4. CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE: This committee, composed of three(3)members, shall be available to review, study and propose changes in the constitution, and make recommendations to the association regarding any changes.

5. ORDINATION COMMITTEE: This committee, composed of five(5) members shall, when requested by a member church, assist in the examination and ordination of candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

6. DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS RELATIONS COMMITTEE: This Committee, composed of four(4) members, shall work with the Director of Missions in keeping his job description up to date, abiding by the guidelines adopted for the relationship, reviewing compensation and time arrangements, arranging for mutual evaluation sessions, handling criticisms of the Director of Missions and hearing his complaints, helping with staff difficulties, and dealing with any problems that may arise.

7. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: This committee, composed of three(3) members and appointed by the moderator, shall study proposed resolutions and make its report in the final session of the annual meeting.

8. COMMITTEE OF PLACE AND PREACHER: This committee, composed of three(3) members is appointed by the moderator. It shall seek out and recommend meeting places for annual sessions. It shall also recommend preachers and alternates for the Fall Sessions.

9. COMMITTEE ON ENROLLMENT: This committee is appointed by the moderator and shall be composed of five(5) members. It shall work with the office staff to prepare for and direct the enrollment of messengers at each of the annual sessions.

IX DIVISION DIRECTORS

Section A. Generally

Division directors are nominated by the nominating committee and elected annually by the association according to procedure set forth in article VII of the attached constitution. A director for each of the following divisions shall be elected: Brotherhood, Discipleship Training, Deacon Consultant, Evangelism, Leisure Ministry, Media, Missions Development, Music, Seminary Extension, Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union and Youth.

Section B. Duties

1. It shall be the responsibility of each Division Director to coordinate and assist the work of each committee or program group in that particular division.

2. The Division Director shall make quarterly progress reports to the Executive Board and shall prepare and submit a written annual report for the Book of Reports not later than the last scheduled meeting of the Executive Board propr to the Annual Session.

3. The Division Director shall serve on the Associational Council to help plan and coordinate the total associational ministry.

4. The Division Director shall prepare and submit a budget request for his/her division to the Finance Committee by July 1, prior to budget year planned.

X PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the moderator and shall be well versed in Robert's Rules of Order.

XI DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

Section A. Election

The Director of Missions shall be elected upon the recommendation of a duly elected search committee. Nominees for the Search Committee shall be presented b the Nominating Committee to the Executive Board who shall be responsible for electing the same. The Search Committee shall then search out and recommend a qualified candidate to the Executive Board for Election. The term of office for the Director of Missions shall be until terminated by mutual consent or at the official request of either party.

Section B. Duties

The Director of Missions shall have general oversight of the work of the association, cooperating with all elected officers of the association and member churches. The Director shall be an exofficio member of all committees, councils and organizations of the association. His duties shall be carried out in accordance with agreed job description.

Section C. Vacancy

When a vacancy occurs and during the interim period, *the Associational Council shall seek out and recommend an interim Director of Missions to the Executive Board.*

Section **D. Grievances**
Any matter relating to the Director of Missions which is not covered in this constitution or covenant agreed upon by the association and the Director of Missions shall be referred to the DOM Relations Committee who in turn will make recommendations to the Executive Board if and when necessary.

XII REVENUE

The Bladen Baptist Association shall be supported through contributions from the affiliated churches and individual gifts other than undesignated monies, shall be accepted at the discretion of the Finance Committee.

XIII SALARIES OF OFFICERS

Salaries of the Director of Missions of the association, as well as any other officer, shall be such amount as may be provided for in the Annual Budget and approved by the association in its Fall Session.

XIV MINUTES OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Minutes of all sessions of the association shall be examined, approved, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before being printed.

XV AUDITOR

1. The Auditor shall examine the financial books and records of the association and submit a detailed report covering his audit at such time as may be required by the Executive Board or the Association.

XVI VISITORS

1. Visitors are welcome to attend any business session of the Bladen Baptist Association, but without deliberation or voting privileges. Visitors may speak at the discretion of the moderator.

XVII AMENDMENTS

1. These By-Laws may be amended at any annual session of the association by a two-thirds vote, provided: the proposed amendment has been presented in writing at an Executive Board meeting prior to Annual Session, and read to the Association the first day of Annual Session, to be voted on the second day.

XVIII EFFECTIVE DATE

1. These By-Laws or any additions or amendments thereto shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Submitted by Constitution Committee
Mr. Worth Hester
Ms. Josie Carroll
Mrs. Florence Suggs

Adopted: October 28, 1997

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY
2008 - 2009

OFFICERS, PROGRAM LEADERS AND COMMITTEES

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CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR –
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ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR 2009

January

1	**New Year's Day, Assoc. Office Closed**
8,9	Vocational Evangelist Conference & Retreat, Caraway
16,17	NC Baptist Men's Board Meeting, Caraway
16,17	WMU NC Executive Board Meeting
20	**Bladen Baptist Association Executive Committee meets, 7:30pm Location TBA**
25	**Baptist Men's Day in the Churches**
25	**Deadline for Summer Missions Applications**
28,29	**BSCNC/Associational Missionaries Meet, Caraway**
TBA	**VBS Early Bird Clinic, Date and Location TBA**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

February

6,7	NC Baptist Nursing Fellowship, Caraway
9-15	Focus on WMU
14	Children's Ministry Day
16	**State Evangelism Conference, SEBTS - Binkley Chapel**
23,24	**State Evangelism Conference, Ridgecrest**
26,27	Church Weekday Education Directors' Retreat, Caraway
27,28	Adult Handbell Festival, Snyder Memorial, Fayetteville
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

March

1-8	**Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**
7	Missions Day at the Women's ACC Tournament, Greensboro Coliseum
13,14	Statewide Prayer Conference, Location TBD
14	Curtain Call, Salem College, Winston-Salem
20,21	**NCBM Missions Conference, Hickory Grove Church, Charlotte**
20,21	Youth Handbell Festival, First Baptist, Clemmons
20-22	Missions Extravaganza, Ridgecrest
27-29	Youth Missions Conference, Caswell
28	Camp Mundo Vista Spring Workday
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

April

3-5	Baptist Campus Ministry Spring Conference, Location TBD
3,4	Region 3 Disaster Relief Training, Location TBD
4	**RA Race Car Day**
4-12	Deep Impact, Ukraine
5	**Palm Sunday**
6	**Bible Drill Registration Deadline**
10	**Good Friday**
12	**Easter Sunday**
17-19	Spring Fling Impact Now Weekend, Caswell
21	**Bladen Baptist Association Executive Committee meets, 7:30pm Location TBA**
21	Church Building Conference, First Baptist, Garner
24	State Youth Bible Drills & Youth Speakers Tournaments
25	State Children's Bible Drills
24,25	Father/Son Overnight (1-6 Grades) Caraway
24-26	Spring Fling Impact Now Weekend, Caswell
25,26	Father/Son Overnight (1-6 Grades) Caraway
28	The Essential Church Conference, TBA
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association WMU Annual Meeting**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**
TBA	**Bladen Baptist Association VBS Clinic**

May

1 **State Youth Bible Drills & Youth Speakers Tournaments, Location TBD**
1-3 Men's Ministry Outdoor Weekend, Caraway
1-3 Blind Fellowship Retreat, Caraway
2 **State Children's Bible Drills, Location TBD**
2 **State RA/Challengers' Track Meet, Asheboro**
3-10 **Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Hospitals (Mother's Day Offering)**
7-8 Women Reaching Women, Charlotte ?
7 **Region 3 NCBM Missions Rally, Location TBD**
10 **Mother's Day**
15-17 Deaf Youth Retreat, Caraway
15-17 Together in Christ Deaf Conference, Caraway
15-17 Deaf Interpreter's Conference, Caraway
16 State Finalists Bible Drills and Tournaments
25 **Memorial Day, Association Office Closed**
25-29 Senior Adult Conference by The Sea I, Caswell
TBA **Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

June

White Lake Campground Ministry Begins
14-19 Christian High Adventure, Appalachian Trail, Virginia
15-19 Summer Camp for Boys, Caraway
16-23 Deep Impact, Honduras
19-21 Father-Son Mini Camp, Grades 1-3, Caraway
21 **Father's Day**
21,22 **WMU, SBC Missions Celebration and Annual Meeting, Louisville**
22-26 Summer Camp for Boys, Caraway
23,24 **SBC Annual Meeting, Louisville, KY**
26-28 Deep Impact Family Missions Weekend, Red Springs
26-28 Bi-Vocational Ministers Conference, Caraway
28-July 4 Deep Impact, Grifton
28-July 4 Deep Impact, Red Springs
TBA **Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference**

July

1-3 Camp Angel Tree, Caraway
1-3 Father-Son Mini Camp, Grades 1-3, Caraway
4 **4th of July**
5-11 Deep Impact, Pennsylvania
5-11 Deep Impact, Red Springs
5-10 Christian High Adventure, Appalachian Trail
6-11 Music Week, Caswell
6-10 Summer Camp for Boys, Caraway
12-18 Deep Impact, Red Springs
12-18 Deep Impact, Shelby
12-17 Christian High Adventure, Appalachian Trail
13-17 Summer Camp for Boys, Caraway
13-15 **BSCNC/Associational Missionary Summer Conf., Caraway**
19-25 Deep Impact, Greensboro
19-25 Deep Impact, Shelby
19-24 Christian High Adventure, Appalachian Trail
20-24 Summer Camp for Boys, Caraway
21 **Bladen Baptist Assoc. Executive Committee meets, 7:30pm, TBA**
24-26 Happiness Retreat 1, Caraway
26-28 Happiness Retreat 2, Caraway
26-31 Christian High Adventure, Appalachian Trail
26-Aug. 1 Deep Impact, Grifton
27-31 Summer Camp for Boys, Caraway

29-31 Happiness Retreat 3, Caraway
31-Aug. 2 Happiness Retreat 4, Caraway
31-Aug. 1 Living Proof Live with Beth Moore, Charlotte
TBA Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference

August
2-8 Deep Impact, Caswell
3-8 World Missions Week, Caswell
10-14 Family Missions Week, Caswell
14,15 Lay Witnessing Conference, Caraay
21,22 Local Church Brotherhood Development, Caraway
24-28 Senior Adult Conference by the Sea, Caswell
TBA Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference

September
White Lake Campground Ministry Ends
4,5 NCBM Board Meeting, Caraway
7 Labor Day
11,12 Fall Sunday School Training
11,12 Women's Prayer Evangelism Conf., Ridgecrest
13-20 Week of Prayer and Special Offering for NC Missions
18,19 Fall Sunday School Training, Caraway
18,19 Lad/Dad Camporee, Denton
22-25 Intentionally Evangelistic Church Strategy, Ridgecrest
24 Bladen Baptist Association Baptist Men/WMU Training & Rally
TBA Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference

Oetober
9,10 RA Leadership Training, Caraway
9-11 Literacy Missions Conference, Caraway
16,17 New Minister's Wives' Retreat, Camp Mundo Vista
19-21 Fall Sr. Adult Conf. I, Caraway
19,20 Sr. Adult Choir Festival, Park Inn, Hickory
21-23 Fall Sr. Adult Conf. II, Caraway
26,27 Bladen Baptist Association Annual Meetings
26-28 Fall Sr. Adult Conf. III, Caraway
TBA Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference

November
2 Baptist Women's Day of Prayer
7 Camp Mundo Vista Work Day
12 Region 3 NCBM Men's Ministry Rally, Loeation TBD
23 M-Night
26 Thanksgiving Day
29-Dec. 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
TBA Week of Prayer and Special Offering for Baptist Children's Homes
TBA BSCNC Annual Sessions
TBA Bladen Baptist Association Pastor's Conference

December
20-26 Assoc. Offiec Closed for week of Christmas
25 Christmas
29-Dec. 6 Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
31 New Year's Eve
TBA WMU Days at Operation Christmas Child
TBA Bladen Baptist Assoeiation Pastor's Conferenee
TBA Christmas By The Sea, Caswell

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

January 22, 2008

The Executive Board met at Bethel Baptist Church on January 22, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. Moderator, Rev. Scott Lewis called the meeting to order. Virginia Gause, Clerk, was absent, and Wendy Cannon, Assistant Clerk, was asked to take the minutes. The Moderator announced that there would be a slight change to include a 7 minute video on Operation In-As-Much. There was an opening prayer.

The Roll Call of the churches was made by Assistant Clerk, Wendy Cannon. There were twenty-seven (27) members and thirteen (13) churches present. The Moderator announced that the Bladen Baptist Association did have a quorum.

There were no minutes to be read.

Reports:

1. Sunday School: Rev. Bruce Cannon reported for Rev. Dewey Jackson. He said there would be an Early Bird Vacation Bible School Clinic that would be held on Tuesday, February 5th, 2008, 7:00 PM at the Association office. Lifeway would be there to demonstrate VBS materials and answer questions. The Clinic is primarily for Directors and other key VBS workers in the churches.

2. Discipleship Training: No report

3. Brotherhood: Mr. Thurman Bass reported. Activities of the Brotherhood during the last quarter included building 20 handicap ramps, numerous home repairs, participating in packing the boxes and loading the container that was shipped to Kenya and renovating the Thrift Store in Bladenboro.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A. January 27, 2008 – Baptist Men's Day, the theme is "Loving God and My Neighbor", Mark 12:30-31
B. January 31, 2008 – Associational Meeting for Pastors, Baptist Men Directors and WMU Directors to be held at Northside, 7:00 PM with a catered meal. The topic of the meeting is Operation In-As-Much.
C. February 29 – March 1 – 2008 Baptist Missions Conference at Calvary Baptist Church in Winston Salem, NC. Cost $10.00 per person for registration which must be in by February 8, 2008.
D. April 19 – Statewide Missions Blitz Operation In-As-Much which challenges the churches statewide to help meet the needs in their community.

Mr. Bass also reported that there is a problem getting the word out to all of the churches, stating that many of the churches did not receive mailed information from the Brotherhood Department.

4. Music: No report

5. WMU: Mrs. Lisa Hester reported. She shared the following items:

A. Focus on WMU will be observed during the month of February. The theme is *Live the Call Through WMU.* NC WMU has set aside this month as a time to promote the 2008 Heck-Jones Offering and week of prayer for WMU of North Carolina. The week of prayer will be observed Feb 11 – 17 during the emphasis week of Focus on WMU and the offering goal is $1.2 million. Until 1977 WMU of NC used this offering to support its ministries. In 1977 it ceased this offering to become part of the North Carolina Missions Offering. In 2008 WMU of NC will not receive funding from the North Carolina Missions Offering.
B. The Annual Meeting for the Bladen Associational WMU will be Thursday, April 24th. Any church wishing to host this event was instructed to contact Mrs. Hester. The speaker will be announced after the February meeting of the Southeastern Regional Planning Committee.
C. Thrift Store News – The store is currently closed and is undergoing renovations. Mr. Marshall Long is heading a wonderful crew that is updating and rejuvenating the store. Everyone who has offered help is thanked. The store is scheduled to reopen in early February with funds earned to be given to the ministries in Kenya and Malawi headed by Dr. Rowland Myburgh and Dr. Andre Delport. Volunteers are still needed as well as donations of used clothes, household items, and small pieces of furniture.

6. Media/Library: No report

7. Annuity: No report

8. Missions Development: No report

9. Stewardship: Mr. David Clark reported.
   A. Mr. Clark stated that all members had been sent a copy of the financial report along with their letter concerning the Executive Committee Meeting. He announced that due to the generous giving of the people and the churches the Association was able to meet the budget needs and had excess. A motion to accept this report was made and seconded and then passed.
   B. Mr. Clark brought up another item of business concerning Dirt Racing for Jesus. He shared that in February of last year Dirt Racing for Jesus began their ministry. Darin Andrews, Gary McMillan, and others gave out Bibles, tracts, etc. and witnessed at the race track. This ministry was not included in the budget when it was drawn up. Mr. Clark said the racing season is about to begin and the ministry team had approached the Association regarding money to help fund this ministry. The Finance Committee met January 9, 2008 and approved $2,000. to be added to the budget under Leisure Ministry to fund this good piece of work. Mr. Clark made this a recommendation from the committee.

Moderator, Rev. Scott Lewis, announced that since this was a recommendation from a committee it did not need a second. He then opened the floor for questions or discussion.
Rev. Bruce Cannon asked that Mr. Gary McMillan be allowed to say a few words about this ministry. Mr. McMillan gave testimony of what was going on at the race track with the ministry. He expounded on the many ways the gospel was being shared. He also shared that on one Sunday Richardson Baptist Church had 12 people to visit their church because of this ministry. He said that they were expanding their efforts and were looking for a big season. He stated that Richardson Baptist Church, Butters Baptist Church, and Grace Baptist Church were involved in this ministry. Mr. McMillan said that some of those involved in the ministry were Rev. Darin Andrews, Joyce Wilkins, Mrs. Billie FayeWhite, and Rev. Bruce Cannon, who is an advisor.

The Moderator asked if anyone had any questions or was there further discussion. There was none. The motion was voted on and passed.

10. Evangelism: Rev. Michael Skinner reported.
    A. On Saturday, April 19, 2008, Dr. Ergun Caner, a Christian apologetist, will be speaking in the Association. Dr. Caner lost relationship with his family, who are Muslim, when he received Christ as Savior.
    B. Next October there will be a county wide Evangelism Outreach. Brother Mike Penry will preach during the week of this Outreach.
    C. Rev. Skinner asked anyone who had ideas for Evangelism to please advise him or another member of the Evangelism Committee of the idea.

The Moderator asked that the clerk add #11 to the agenda and gave the floor to Rev. Boyd Britt.

11. Rev. Britt made an announcement regarding a Pig Picking Tuesday, February 12, 2008 for the Pastors and their wives. They are to call the Association Office to advise if they can attend. Everything will be provided.

The Director of Missions, Rev. Bruce Cannon, was called on to make the Director of Missions Report. Rev. Cannon began by saying that he had been concerned over attendance for this meeting since the meeting location had been moved. He stated the reason for the move; lack of room inside the Association building and lack of parking at the Association. He thanked all those present for attending. He also expressed "Thank You" to Bethel Baptist Church for allowing the Association to use their church building and to Brother Bobby Roberts for opening the building and being present to show the video.

Rev. Cannon had copies of his report which he had handed out to those in attendance. He shared the following:

A. WMU Thrift Store: Work is underway to repair the Thrift Store. Plans are underway to reopen the Thrift Store in February.
B. Volunteers needed: Volunteers are needed to "man" the Thrift Store. Plans are to not have any one work more that one-half day (3 to 4 hours) per month. Proceeds will go to Hands on Africa. By doing so we will be feeding hungry children, providing medical attention and supplies and supporting new Churches in Kenya and Malawi.
C. Good Shepherd Loan: After receiving 40 letters from Executive members in favor of securing a loan for the Good Shepherd Church in the amount of $50,000.00, the loan was secured and the first payment has been made. The money is being used to enlarge their sanctuary and provide seating for 299 people.
D. Operation In-As-Much: The meeting will be held at Northside Baptist Church, January 31, at 7:00 PM beginning with a catered meal. Operation In-As-much will take place April 19, 2008 and each Church is asked to participate in their community/surrounding area to touch the lives of the shut-in, disabled or unfortunate to share Christ and the love of Christ.
E. VBS Early-Bird Clinic: The VBS Early-Bird Clinic will be held at the Association office on Tuesday, February 5th, 7:00 PM.
F. Habitat for Humanity: The Bladen County Chapter of the Habitat for Humanity is in the process of building two new homes in Bladenboro and volunteers will be needed. Possible recipients of the new homes will need to be secured.
G. Baptist Children's Homes Food Roundup: A Food Roundup for the Baptist Children's Homes will again be held. Food will be received during April and May and is expected to be picked up by the Baptist Children's Homes around mid to late May.
H. Rev. Cannon mentioned churches without Pastors: Beards Chapel, Center Road, Riverside, Suggs Grove, Tar Heel, and White Lake and asked for prayer for them. He also advised that Rev. Currie Long and Rev. Vernon Britt had both resigned their churches but were available for pulpit supply.
I. Rev. Cannon said the Kenya container was on the way and should arrive on February 11 at the port and would then be transported overland to its final destination.
J. Rev. Cannon shared that the Disaster Building is full and we are in need of volunteers to help pack the boxes for the second container being sent to Malawi.

Special Committee Report: No Report

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

The Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. Rev. Cannon asked to first find out where the April meeting would be held. Rev. Michael Skinner volunteered for the meeting to be held at Shady Grove.

Motion was made to adjourn and received a second and so carried.

Rev. Boyd Britt closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Moderator – Rev. Scott Lewis

Assistant Clerk – Wendy Cannon

Executive Board Meeting
April 22, 2008

The Executive Board met at Shady Grove Baptist Church on April 22, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Rev. Scott Lewis, presiding. Moderator Lewis opened in prayer. No one had devotion.

The roll call of churches was made by Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk. There were twenty-two (22) churehes, thirty-seven (37) members and one (1) guest present. The Moderator announeed that the Bladen Baptist Association did have a quorum.

There were no minutes read as all members had received a eopy in the mail.

Reports:
Sunday Sehool: No report

Diseipleship Training: No report

Musie: Rev. Kiney Barrow reported that it is time to begin our next musical, "3:16", which is adapted from the Max Lucado Study. There will be a listening session on May 6th, 7:00 pm at Whites Creek Baptist Chureh. Books will be available and Rehearsal CDs will be distributed. Rev. Barrow hopes the rehearsals can be in Elizabethtown whieh would be more centrally loeated. The goal is to present the musical at the Elizabethtown Middle Sehool. Rev. Barrow eneourages singers from all of our ehurehes to partieipate. There will be a three hour musieal workshop sometime the middle of May for basies of singing. More information will eome later about this workshop.

Brotherhood: Mr. Thurman Bass reported. The Baptist Men have been busy with Handyman Ministries this quarter. There have been 15 ramps built, also one small deek with steps. On April 19th the statewide missions blitz *Operation Inasmuch* took place in our eounty with 21 ehurches involved. More than 100 projects were eompleted. These ranged from ramp eonstruetion, one ramp removed and stored, yards and diteh bank cleaned, block parties, visitation, food earried to homes and workers, heating and air eonditioner repair, teddy bears made and delivered to nursing home residents and many other projeets were done. Overall Operation Inasmueh was a huge success.

Upeoming events are: May 8 Region 3 NCBM Missions Rally will be at Seotts Hill Baptist Chureh in Wilmington, N.C. No charge for the meal, but reservation must be called to 1-800-395-5102 x 5613 by May 2. September 25, Associational Men /WMU Training Rally will be held. We are in need of a ehureh to host the meeting.

WMU: Mrs. Lisa Hester reported. On April 24th the annual WMU Associational meeting will be at Sandy Grove Baptist Chureh at 7:00 pm. Everyone, including men and women, are invited. Mrs. Clara Huff, a retired missionary who served for 33 years in Chile, and Mr. Danny Hawkins from the Baptist Children's Homes, will be our speakers.

The WMU associational leadership team met on April 8th at the Thrift Store and discussed the ministry happening there and made plans for the annual meeting. Mrs. Hester said that the leadership team wants to be a resouree for all churehes.

During *Operation Inasmuch* our WMU ladies were hard at work. Several cleaned out their elosets and made donations to the Thrift Store.

The Thrift Store is doing very well. God is at work through this ministry. The donations are eoming in, sales stay eonstant and volunteers eontinue to eontribute their time. Mrs. Hester asked

Board of Trustees for SCCI: Mr. Gary Pope, Mr. Ray Vestal, Mr. Ralph Sasser, Rev. Larry Pittman and Ms. Barbara Jackson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The July meeting will be held at New Beginnings with Rev. Gene Smith giving the devotion.

Respectfully submitted by:

Moderator, Rev. Scott Lewis
Clerk, Mrs. Virginia W. Gause

Executive Board Meeting
7-22-2008

The Executive Board met at New Beginnings Baptist Church on 7-22-08 at 7:30 p.m. with Moderator Scott Lewis presiding. Rev. Gene Smith led in devotion and prayer. He welcomed everyone to New Beginnings Church.

The roll call of churches was made by Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Clerk. There were thirty-five (35) present with twenty-two (22) churches represented. The minutes, which had been mailed to each member, were approved with no corrections.

Reports:
Sunday School: No report
Discipleship: No report
Brotherhood: Mr. Thurman Bass reported: The Baptist Men have been busy with Handyman Ministries this quarter. There have been 13 ramps built and numerous small jobs completed.
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Media/Library: No report
Annuity: No report
Mission Development: No report
Stewardship: Mr. David Clark reported. Mr. Clark passed out a copy of the Treasurer's report for April - June 2008 and the 2009 Proposed Budget to each member present. Mr. Clark made a motion that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. The motion received a second and passed with no questions. The budget was voted on later during the business meeting.
Evangelism: Rev. Michael Skinner reported. Reach Up Bladen is scheduled for October 5-8 at the Elizabethtown Middle School and services will begin at 7:00 p.m. each night. The primary groups being reached out to are older children, youth and their parents. Rev. Mike Penry has been invited to be the guest speaker and there will be contemporary Christian groups performing. He encouraged everyone's support in this ministry. Rev. Skinner resigned as chairman of this committee as he leaving to be the pastor at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Rockingham, N.C.
The Evangelistic Training will be in September. Marty Dupree, Baptist State Convention will be the speaker.
Rev. Skinner expressed his appreciation for being able to serve on this committee and this association.

DOM Report: DOM Bruce Cannon reported as follows:

1. Annual Meetings of the Bladen Baptist Association will meet on Monday and Tuesday, October 27th and 28th. The Monday meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church in Clarkton. It will begin at 5:45 with a meal prepared by the host church for pastors and their wives. Registration will begin at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Kincy Barrow will deliver the Annual Sermon. The Tuesday sessions will be held at the White Oak Baptist Church beginning at 3:15 p.m. A special report will be given by the Baptist Children's Homes. The host church will

for prayers on behalf of the Thrift Store. Volunteers are needed and she asked that more members volunteer at least a shift a month.

Media Library: No report

Mission Development: DOM Rev. Bruce Cannon, reported. The camp ground ministry at White Lake is having six services each weekend. He encouraged any church that has a ministry that they would like to do at the lake to contact Rev. Walter Hayes.

Stewardship: Mr. David Clark reported. A copy of the Treasurer's Report had been mailed to each member and Mr. Clark highlighted some of the items on the report. Mr. Clark made a motion that the report be approved, a second was made and was approved with no questions.

Evangelism: Rev. Michael Skinner reported. He said that this committee has had a lot of ups and downs. Dr. Ergun Caner, a Muslim convert, was not able to be at the meeting on April 19, 2008. Plans are now in the process for "*Reach up Bladen.*" This is a major youth event planned to reach the mass numbers of youth in our area that are unchurched and/or lost and to strengthen and encourage those in church and who know Christ. This is planned for sometime in October and will be announced at a later date. Rev. Mike Penry has been invited to be the speaker. If anyone has ideas for our youth ministry please let this committee know. One goal is to reach everyone in our zip code area.

DOM Report: DOM Cannon reported on the following events.
The first Africa Cargo Container bound for Kenya arrived safely. A lot of medical supplies, clothing and Bibles were sent to Kenya to help with Dr. Rowland Myburgh's and Dr. Andre Delport's ministry. The second container will be sent to Malawi in about two weeks. These people are the third poorest people in the world. Dr. MyBurgh and Dr. Delport will be back in this area on May 15-17. There will be a worship service on May 15th at Hickory Grove Baptist at 7:00 p.m.

There is a need for volunteers to work at Bladenboro Middle School during the end of grade testing. Telephone is 863-3232. We are thankful for the opportunities to go into the schools. We still have Bibles being passed out in Bladen County and have a chaplain that meets at West Bladen High School every Wednesday morning.

The Baccalaureate Service will be held on June 1st. at 6 p.m. at East Bladen High School and at 7:00 p.m. at West Bladen High School. Please support our seniors in these Christian services.

The VBS Clinic will be on May 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Clarkton First Baptist Church. This will be for all VBS workers.

A team of eleven (11) will be leaving Bladen County on May 11th for Alaska. They will be working on a camp for children.

DOM showed slides of mission events that had already taken place. There were slides showing when the containers arrived in Kenya and many slides showing Operation Inasmuch at work as well as many other projects being done. There were 20 churches involved in this project.

New Business:

Nominating committee: DOM reported for this committee.
Key Leaders Nomination:
Moderator: Rev. Boyd Britt
Vice Moderator: Rev. Cameron McGill
Clerk: Mrs. Virginia W. Gause
Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Wendy Cannon

Treasurer: Mr. David Clark
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WMU: Mrs. Lisa Hester
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Music: Rev. Kincy Barrow
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The above list of officers was presented for approval from the nominating committee and was approved with no opposition.

DOM Cannon brought before the committee a proposal for a non-profit Christian faith-based drug and alcohol recovery center to be constructed in southeastern North Carolina, known as Southeastern Carolina Crossroads, Inc. It would be a volunteer program with the applicants themselves requesting admittance. The age would start at 18 years old and be drug and alcohol free for at least 72 hours prior to admission. This would be a twelve week program and Christian faith-based with an opportunity to stay longer if necessary. This facility would be similar to Hebron Colony in Boone, N. C and the Raleigh Rescue Mission. Separate facilities would be for men and women. The general arrangement plan would house 100 men and 100 women with two people per room in dorm type facilities. All construction and operating costs will come from a combination of grants and donations along with any funds generated. As part of the program, each participant will be expected to work 4-6 hours per day in on-site endeavors such as greenhouses for plants, tilapia (fish) farming, etc. to help defray costs associated with the stay at SCCI. In addition, skills and workforce training will be offered through partnership with local agencies and community colleges.

The primary focus of the recovery center is to return addicts to a productive lifestyle. The cost for each participant to complete the 12 week recovery training is estimated at $4000.00.

It is expected that groundbreaking on this facility will begin no later than 2008, however this will be dependent upon the degree of fund raising success. Bladen County is located halfway between Fayetteville and the coast and would be an ideal location for SCCI, providing the facility is outside of a populated area and has, preferably, access to county water.

The facility would employ up to 30 full time employees when completed.

Funds are needed to purchase the land, a grant writer, an engineering assessment of proposed sites and preliminary design of the facility and construction of the first phase. The expected cost of the facility, excluding water and sewer is 4.5 million dollars.

DOM Cannon said that a track of land on the Tar Heel River Road that consists of around 112 acres of land is available for sale.

Mr. David Clark, Chairman of the Finance Committee was recognized and he reported that the Finance Committee had met on April 15th and is bringing before the executive board a motion that $50,000 be given from the Bladen Baptist Association's budget to be applied to the purchase of the land. One stipulation would be that if the purchase of the land falls through in any way the money would come back to the association. Mr. Billy Ray Fisher, Finance Committee member, made the motion that the Association give the $50,000 toward the purchase of the land and Mr. Ernest Gause, Finance Committee Member, seconded the motion. There was some discussion but no opposition. The motion passed.

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2. Reach Up Bladen is scheduled for October 5-8. See Evangelism report for more details. This event is designed to strengthen the church while reaching to those who do not know Christ. DOM Cannon urged the churches to pray, promote, support financially and help with the set-up and parking for this event.
3. See You At The Pole is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24th. The theme is *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening* (1 Samuel 3:9b). Volunteers are needed to make contact with each local school principal to get their blessing on our efforts.
4. The work on the Good Shepherd Hispanic Mission is complete. They are now able to seat 299 in their sanctuary and are averaging around 250 for each worship service.
5. The Board of Directors for Southeastern Carolina Crossroads is still seeking land to build a ministry to those with substance addiction problems. The tract of land in Tar Heel sold previous to their presenting a bid. Numerous contacts have been made with persons and business who own tracts of land or who act as sales agents to locate land suitable for the ministry. Thousands of persons in our area and surrounding areas need this type of ministry.
6. The Association is in need of volunteers to help with the building of ramps and other ministries done by the Bladen Men's group.
7. The Bladen Habitat for Humanity is comprised mainly of Bladen Baptist who very faithfully work to build homes for those living in very sub-standard housing. Several homes are currently under construction at the Bladenboro Habitat Village. Volunteers are needed. Interested persons may contact Mr. Marshall Long (648-4291) or Mr. Gary Pope (647-1681) to volunteer.
8. The cargo container scheduled to go to Malawi will carry much needed medical supplies, clothing, Bible, bicycles and etc. It is hoped the container will ship out in the next weeks ahead.
9. The following churches are without pastors: Center Road, Elizabethtown, Hickory Grove, Love Grove, Shady Grove, Suggs Grove and Zion Hill.

New Business:

Mr. David Clark presented the 2009 budget before the executive members in the form of a motion from the budget committee. The budget was approved with no opposition.

Associational Directory 2008-2 009, Officers, Program Leaders and Committees:
DOM presented all members present with a copy of the proposed officers and leaders in the absence of Mr. Gerald Smith, Chairman of Nominating Committee. This was presented in the form of a motion. Motion carried and approved as presented.

Association Calendar 2009:
A copy of the calendar was presented to each member present. DOM Cannon presented this in the form of a motion. Motion carried and approved as presented.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator Lewis:
Preacher & Place Committee:
Rev. Randy Andrews, Rev. Bobby Winebarger and Rev. John Rollyson
Resolution Committee:
Rev. Danny Lewis, Rev. Gene Smith and Rev. Larry Hayes
Enrollment Committee:
Mrs. Virginia W. Gause, Dr. Larry Pittman, Ms. Myrtle Page, Rev. Danny Lewis and Mrs. Judy Dowd Strickland.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month:
Rev. Cameron McGill made a motion that the association take up an offering for DOM Cannon during the first night of the Annual Meeting to show our appreciation for all the work he does for the association. He also made a motion that this be a tradition each year. Motion received a second and was approved.

Announcements:
Rev. Randy Andrews announced his resignation at Love Grove Baptist Church on June 22, 2008. He and Mr. Dale Taylor are planning a new ministry in Elizabethtown which will be known as Open Door Ministries, Inc. He requested prayer for this ministry.

Mr. David Clark made a motion that the meeting adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted by:

Moderator: Rev. Scott Lewis
Clerk, Mrs. Virginia W. Gause

Director of Missions Report – 2008

What an amazing year this has been! As I sit to write this report I have just in the last four days witnessed around 4500 people attending Reach Up Bladen. Twenty-four accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour, twenty-two others made public recommitments of their lives to Christ. Hundreds of others responded publically to altar calls and prayed for revival. It was such a blessing to see God work among us in such a tremendous way. Reach Up Bladen was a success because our Churches supported the effort. Young and old prayed for months previous that God would move. Hundreds of Bladen Baptists helped pass out 10,000 invitation cards to attend the event. Committees made sure the event was prayed over, publicity was generated, parking was secured and the program was planned out the way God would have it. It all worked together for good!

Yet, Reach Up Bladen was only one of several key events which took place over the last twelve months. We also were able to ship three containers to Africa. The first in December, 2007 containing hospital beds, medical supplies, Bibles, clothing, toys, and folding tables and chairs. This shipment went to Kenya, Africa. The second shipment left in May and also went to Kenya and included more hospital beds, surgical equipment and other medical supplies. The final container was shipped in October, 2008 to Malawi. It contained medical supplies, Bibles, folding tables and chairs, bicycles, toys and clothes. The three containers are part of our efforts to support the work of Hands On Africa which is under the direction of Dr. Rowland Myburgh and Dr. Andre Delport.

A new work was begun in Elizabethtown in 2008 under the direction of Rev. Randy Andrews. Brother Randy, who served as pastor of Love Grove for a good number of years, believed God was leading him to start this new work and so he resigned his Church. He and Dale Taylor began to pray together. God put a core of people into this ministry to serve as prayer support and leaders. In less than two months the work has grown to averaging over thirty persons in attendance weekly. The Baptist State Convention has committed to help financially support the new work, known as Open Door Ministries, Inc.

The See You At The Pole Rally was a wonderful success with around 700 attending. Youth groups from our Churches ministered in drama, Bible reading, prayer and testimony. God's presence was really powerful. The See You At The Pole Prayer Event, which was held on all fourteen county school campuses in September, drew around 3,200 persons. The theme of the event taken from Isaiah, was "*Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth.*"

Southeastern Carolina Crossroads, Inc. is a faith-based substance abuse recovery ministry. It is under the direction of North Carolina Baptists and have several Bladen Baptists serving on its Board of Directors. It has been in the planning stages for over three years and is now beginning to take physical shape. Land on Airport Road between Elizabethtown and Clarkton has been secured and is now needing to be paid for. The seventy-five acre campus will have its first building built in 2009 which will house 16 male patients. Future plans are to build two dormitory-style buildings capable of handling up to 200 patients: 100 males and 100 females each. The need is present and overwhelming. Just over one million persons live in the ten county area surrounding Bladen. Of this population an estimated fifty-five thousand have substance abuse problems. The only hope and healing is Christ. Patients will be taught life-changing principles from God's Word daily. The ability to accomplish these tasks will require a huge amount of support from Churches, businesses and individuals who believe Christ is the hope for those dealing with substance abuse problems. Churches are asked to consider making one-time donations to help purchase the land and build the buildings and to possibly write the ministry into annual operating budgets. The North Carolina Baptist Men will promote this effort across the state and help generate volunteer labor for the actual building processes.

Many other things could be shared, but may I share one final word. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of serving as your Director of Missions. I am very grateful and humbled to serve in this capacity. Pray with me that we can take full advantage of the opportunities presented us by our Lord.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce E. Cannon, Director of Missions
Bladen Baptist Association

Sunday School Report 2008

I have been in the pastorate for 25 years. During that time I have served in various churches in the New South River Baptist Association and here in the Bladen Baptist Association. As a pastor I have always made it a practice to not only promote and support the Sunday School programs of the churches that I pastored but I was part of those Sunday Schools attending the Adult Men's classes or Married Couple's classes. It is not enough to just support a Sunday School program. As Christians we must look to our Sunday Schools as places to effect change in the various segments of our communities. Long before I answered the call to go into the ministry I served in the Sunday School as a teacher and team leader. I have served in Sunday School programs in more churches than I have pastored. It was through these Sunday School programs that we met the needs of people in the community and fulfilled the great commission ***Mark 16:15-16***. In one community alone our Small Couples Class, in Goldsboro, grew from 10 to 150 in just six months.

Let me just say that if your Sunday School is not meeting the needs of your community then you need to pray and seek the Lord's will. I believe if we as workers in the Bladen Baptist Association are going to effect change in Bladen County then it is going to have to begin in our Sunday School. It can begin in one class room within one Sunday School program of one church. It can begin with you. Let it begin today! I challenge all our Sunday School classes throughout the Bladen Baptist Association to consider what our couples class did in Goldsboro and apply that to the one class you are a member of and see what God can do. With God all things are possible.

Till "HE" Comes
Dewey C. Jackson
Sunday School Director

Woman's Missionary Union

The year 2008 ends the WMU emphasis *Live the Call*. This emphasis has challenged us to be obedient to the call of Jesus Christ and show that obedience in our avenues of service. Our watchword for the past 2 years has been Colossians 1:10.

Focus on WMU was observed in February and most churches in our association celebrated the work of our Baptist women by having special services. The theme was *Live the Call Through WMU.* Our WMU leadership team had the pleasure of speaking in four churches during the month promoting WMU.

The biggest undertaking of WMU this year has been the re-opening of The Thrift Store in Bladenboro. The store opened its doors again on February 9th after remodeling work was completed by our Baptist Men. The store has continued to operate through the help of many faithful and dedicated volunteers and the contributions of used clothing and household items from the community. The store has been a ministry to the local community by selling clothing and other items at extremely low prices and has provided clothing to those in crisis. Many boxes of clothing were also packaged to be shipped on the second container for Malawi. In May the first donation of $2000 was give to Hands on Africa to help further their projects and ministries in Kenya and Malawi, Africa and another donation of $2000 will be given in October. Dr. Andre Delport and Dr. Rowland Myburgh also visited the store while here in May. Continue to pray for The Thrift Store and please consider donating not only your used clothing and household items but 3 hours of your time each month.

WMU groups have lived the call by participating in projects like Operation Inasmuch which was held on April 19th. On this day several groups cleaned out closets and donated the clothing to The Thrift Store to continue its success. Others packaged children's activity kits for the county hospital emergency room, some held yard sales and used the proceeds to enhance other ministries and many cleaned yards or houses in the communities.

The 89th Annual Meeting of the Bladen Baptist WMU was held on April 24th at Sandy Grove Baptist Church. Eighteen churches were represented and heard from retired missionary Clara Huff about her experiences in Chile and a report was given about the Baptist Children's Homes by Danny Hawkins.

Through out the year several collections were held to benefit different organizations. They include the Spring Food Roundup for the Baptist Children's Homes, 715 lbs of grits collected in June and cans of tuna in September for the food pantry at Bladen Crisis and we are currently collecting deodorant for the Gifts for Inmates-Red Boxes which will be given to women inmates in the NC correctional facilities. I would like to thank all those who participated. Your generosity is remarkable!

Again throughout the year individual WMU organizations were busy with many different hands on projects in their communities as they continue to carry out the six areas of missions focus: pray for missions, engage in missions actions and witnessing, learn about missions, support missions, develop spiritually toward a missions lifestyle and to participate in the work of the church and denomination.

The training rally for WMU was held September 25th at Northside Baptist Church. WMU directors were introduced to a new WMU emphasis *Called to Love*, a new watchword Matthew 22:37-39, and the critical issue: poverty. Let us be challenged this upcoming year to move beyond watching to doing and be involved in hands on missions, witnessing, giving and prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa L. Hester, Associational WMU Director

Discipleship Training Report – 2008

The position of Discipleship Training Director was not filled this year. The Director of Missions and Administrative Assistant served to coordinate Discipleship Training events such as M-Night which was held in November. The M-Night for 2008 will be held on Monday, November 24th, 7:15 P.M. at Galeed Baptist Church, Bladenboro.

One of the big components of Discipleship Training for the Bladen Baptist Association is Bible Drills. Bible Drills are an excellent way to teach and train youth and children the Scriptures. Mrs. Jennifer Carter, Tar Heel Baptist Church, serves as Bible Drill Director. Jennifer has a lot of ideas about Bible Drills and knows the value of using them to train youth and children. Please pray for her as she serves in this capacity. Pray that God will use her to help us understand the need to ground our youth and children in the Word.

Please consider having Bible Drills for your youth and children. The process of getting started is simple. The Association Office has materials which can be used to start and conduct the Drills.

Our Discipleship Training Director for the upcoming year is Mr. Jimmy Allen, Tar Heel Baptist Church. We are very excited about having Brother Jimmy serve in this capacity and look forward to seeing how God is going to use him to help us grow deeper in the Word.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Bruce E. Cannon, Director of Missions

Ordination Council Report 2008

The Ordination Council of the Bladen Baptist Association stands ready to assist Churches in questioning and recommending any member of the local congregation for ordination who has given evidence of being called by God to the Gospel Ministry, has been licensed by their Church and called to a pastoral position.

Members of the Council include: Rev. Boyd Britt (Chairman), Rev. Cameron McGill, Rev. Greg Packer, Mr. Lynn Johnson, Dr. Mack Roberts, Rev. Scott Lewis (Moderator) and Rev. Bruce Cannon (Director of Missions).

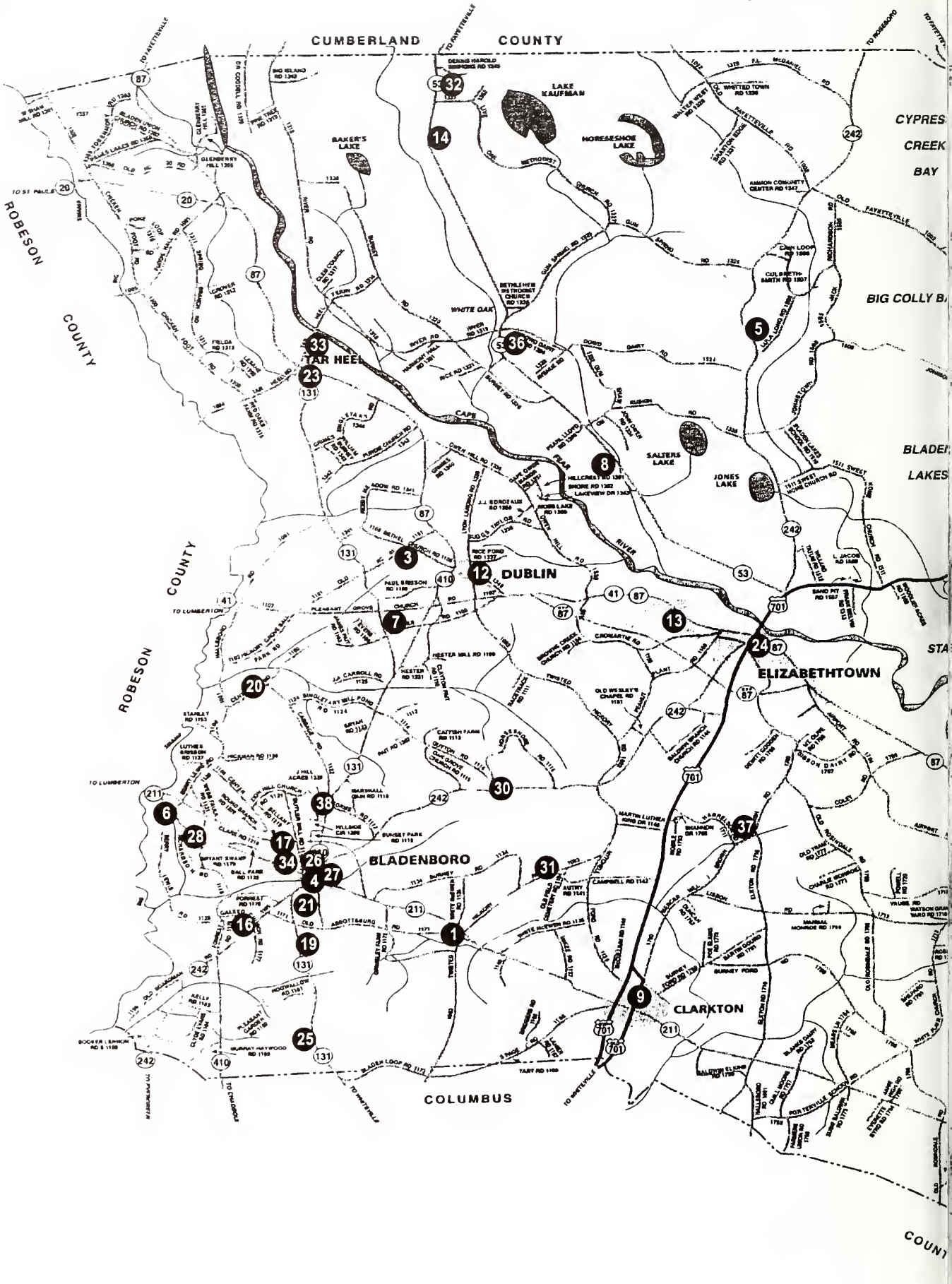
Three requests came to the Council this year. The First Baptist Church of Dublin requested Rev. Derrick J. Rice be questioned, Good News Baptist Church of Bladenboro requested Rev. Larry Hayes be questioned. New Beginnings Fellowship of Elizabethtown requested that Rev. Gene Smith be questioned.

Each of the candidates were questioned on a wide range of topics including their salvation experience, call to the ministry and their beliefs in the traditional doctrines Baptists hold dear.

The Ordination Council was satisfied by the responses of each candidate. A unanimous recommendation was returned to each Church to proceed with the ordination of their respective candidates.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Boyd Britt, Chairman
Ordination Council of the Bladen Baptist Association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5. BRIAR BRANCH
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7. CENTER ROAD
8. CHRIST COMMUNITY
9. CLARKTON, FIRST
10. COUNCIL
11. CYPRESS CREEK
12. DUBLIN, FIRST
13. ELIZABETHTOWN
14. FAITH
15. FRIENDSHIP
16. GALEED
17. GOOD NEWS
18. GOOD SHEPHERD
19. GRACE
20. HICKORY GROVE
21. HIGHER PLAIN COWBOY
22. LISBON
23. LOVE GROVE
24. NEW BEGINNINGS
25. NEW CENTER
26. NORTHSIDE
27. PEACE
28. RICHARDSON
29. RIVERSIDE
30. SANDY GROVE
31. SHADY GROVE
32. SUGGS GROVE
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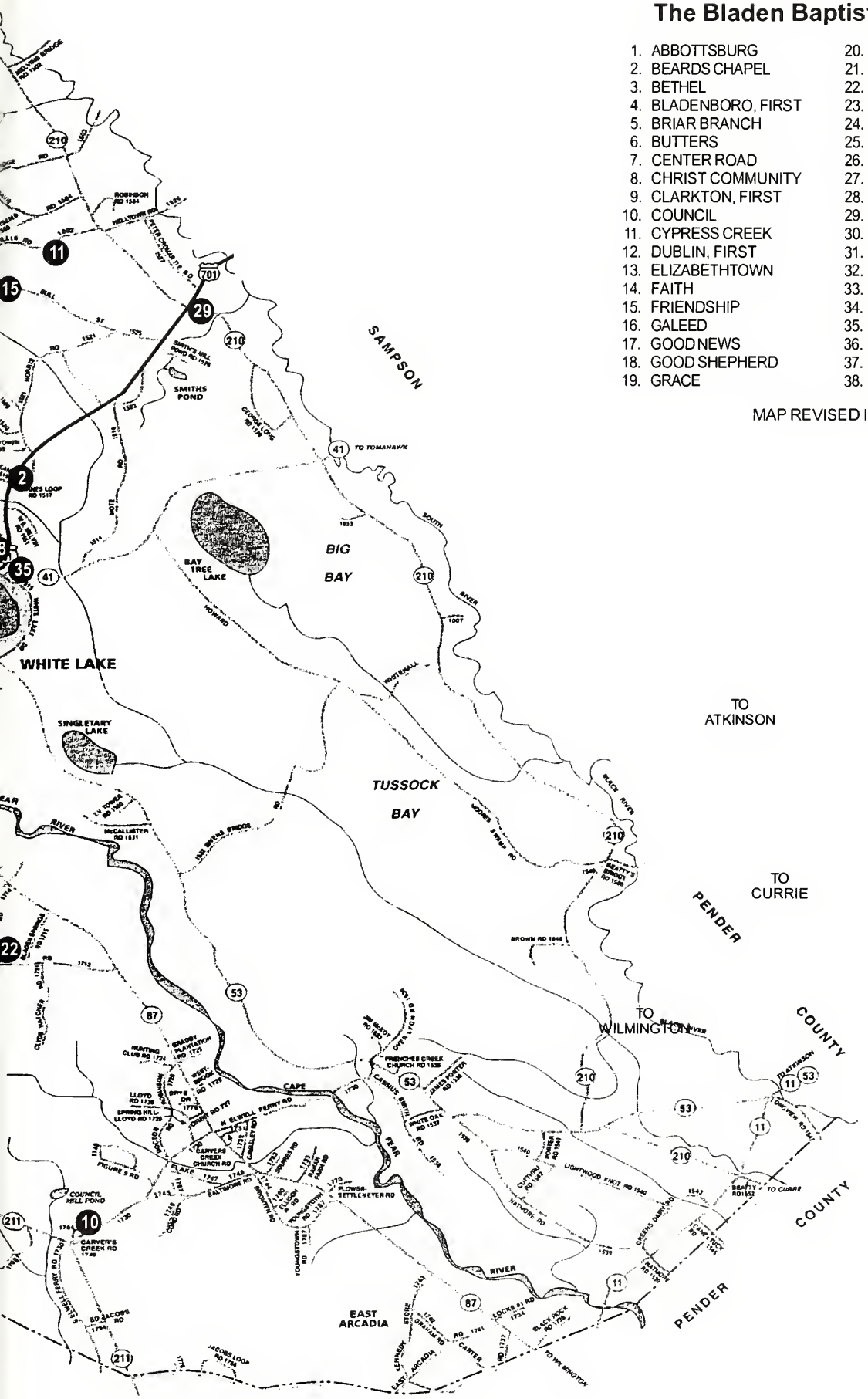

BROTHERHOOD REPORT
2008

Handyman Ministries have kept the Baptist Men busy during this year. Over 52 handicap ramps have been built and 3 moved to a different location. Numerous home repair jobs have been done.

April 19, 2008 State Wide Missions Blitz Operation In-As-Much was conducted. Bladen Baptist Association had 21 churches involved. More than 100 projects were completed.

Two teams went to Vermont on the Partnership Mission Ministry program. Northside sent two full time missionaries to Washington, Vermont.

One food service team went to Baytown, TX to prepare and serve meals for hurricane victims.

September 25 Northside Baptist Church hosted the 5th annual Leadership Training event for the Bladen Baptist Men and WMU. Thirteen churches were represented with more than 74 in attendance. This event was a success.

Bladenboro WMU Thrift Store was renovated and is in operation.

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Region 3 Baptist Men's Ministry Rally will be November 20, 2008 at Trinity Baptist Church in Whiteville, NC. This begins at 6:30 pm and includes a meal. Registration is required for meal count.

May 1-3, 2009 there will be a Men's Ministry Outdoor Weekend at Caraway. More information will be given at a later date.

Statewide Operation In-As-Much is scheduled for April 24 or May 1, 2010 with three additional states joining this mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Baptist Men's Director. If I may help you regarding missions in any way please feel free to call on me.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thurman W. Bass
Association Baptist Men's Director

Leisure Ministry Report

What a great year we had in Leisure Ministry! We started one new service this year and two new Children Church services this year. We had a new part-time Chaplain to start work with us this year. We had six camp grounds this year that had singings in them. We went to Alaska on a mission trip and this is a statement from Walter, the camp director, about our trip.

I just want to say thank you for your efforts here at the camp earlier in the year. The kids, both young and old, have really enjoyed sitting around the fire ring this past summer enjoying the wood that you and your team provided. I have thought about you many times as I was lighting a fire for a group and just thought how something like cutting and splitting firewood can make a positive impact on someone for Christ. It made me realize that no matter what task we are given by our Heavenly Father that if we give Him the glory that He can and will use it to touch the lives and souls of people. Your team not only blessed the camp by providing the firewood that was burned this summer and helping to paint cabins, but you also blessed me and my family personally through your fellowship and attitudes. Many times in ministry we work so hard to serve others that we lose sight that we need to take time to allow God to fill our cups so that we can continue in the work that He has given us to do. He used your team to help fill our cups. THANK YOU!!!!

The Lord is wanting you to do something for Him; so search your heart to see what it is. And if we can help you do it, call on us. Thank you to all who had anything to do with this year's work and may God bless you greatly.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Walter Hayes

MUSIC REPORT 2008

Again it has been my privilege this past year to serve as Music Director for the Bladen Baptist Association. During the year we have been able to build on the success of last year's musical presentation of "Experiencing God", presented by the Bladen Baptist Singers. This year's presentation of "3:16, The Numbers of Hope" was a great blessing once again to the Singers and, I hope, to those who attended the presentations. We were fortunate this year to be invited to Northside Baptist Church to present the musical before the two originally scheduled performances. This added presentation provided both an additional opportunity to refine our skills and a wonderful opportunity for worship. The musical was presented at the Christian Activities Center of Elizabethtown Baptist Church on August 22nd and 23rd. Approximately 600 people attended the three presentations. Plans are already underway for next year's musical and I hope to double the number of singers in the group. Remember, as the Associational Music Director, I am always available to assist in any way I may help. Please don't hesitate to call.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Kincy Barrow
Associational Music Director

WHITE LAKE LEISURE MINISTRY
SUMMER 2008

CAMPSITES	NUMBER OF SERVICES	ATTENDANCE	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	OFFERINGS
HAROLDS	13	228	18	$ 330.37
LANGSTON	14	356	25	1223.25
MARSHBURN	14	221	16	420.50
TAR HEEL	11	86	8	290.00
WHITE LAKE	12	290	24	208.25
TOTALS	64	1181	18	$2,472.37

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL THE WORKERS THIS SUMMER.

EXPENDITURES

Michael Skinner	150.00	Dewey Jackson	$150.00
Kenneth Register	150.00	Strickland Golf Car	275.24
Randy Ward	150.00	Bladen Offuce	8.54
Debbie Wilson	150.00	Don Jordan porta	186.81
Friends of Jesus	150.00	The Front Porch	121.36
Colly Creek Singers	150.00	Bradley Butler	800.00
Joni Mercer	150.00	Walter Hayes	320.00
Howard Faircloth	500.00	Total	$3,411.95

BALANCE OCTOBER,2007	$4345.41
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION	2500.00
OFFERINGS	2472.37
TOTAL CASH TO DATE	9317.68
LESS LISTED EXPENDITURES	3411.95
SEPTEMBER 9,2008 BALANCE	$5905.73
BALANCE ON CD	$3889.12

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

BY Joyce H Thomas
TREASURER

EVANGELISM REPORT 2008

The 2007-2008 Association year has seen much activity in the way of Evangelism for the Bladen Baptist Association. The Committee is thankful to the local churches for their evangelistic work. We saw evangelism take place in Bladen Baptist Association through Operation InAsMuch on April 19, through Dirt Racing For Jesus at Dublin Race Track, and the See You At the Pole Rally.

On October 5th – 8th our Association will sponsor a county-wide evangelistic crusade at the Elizabethtown Middle School gym which is called Reach Up Bladen. The speaker will be Rev. Mike Penry; a Wake County Sheriff's Deputy. The bands will be MIKESCHAIR, 33 Miles, and John Waller.

Prior to Reach Up Bladen, July 10, 2008 we had Prayer Training at Bethel Baptist Church with Dr. Chris Schofield, and on September 9, 2008 we had Counselor Training at Good News Baptist Church led by Marty Dupree. The Bladen Baptist Churches have come together to form the committees that were needed to make Reach Up Bladen a success.

May God continue to use Bladen Baptist in a mighty way to reach the lost in Bladen County. We give our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the glory for what is being accomplished through us!

On behalf of the Evangelism Committee and Reach Up Bladen, we thank you for all your support spiritually, physically, and financially.

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. Danny Lewis
Evangelism Chairman

"HISTORICAL EVENTS"
2008

Beards Chapel: Called Reverend Barry Helms as Pastor February 17, 2008.

Bethel: Baby dedication on Mother's Day, new carpet and painting in Youth Department, dedication of Sound System and Video System, new color copier purchased, improvements on building at playground.

Bladenboro, First: Live Nativity, 266 shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse, 100 prenatal caps to Bladen County Hospital, prayer shawls given to all families of college fire victims at Ocean Isle, Baptist Men built 5 ramps, Pastor and wife are Co-President's for Habitat for Humanity and volunteers feed & help workers, food pantry currently helping approximately 125 families per month, provided Christmas in August for Odum NC Baptist Children's Home, collected money and donations for cargo sent to Africa

Center Road: Rev. Vernon Britt retired after 14 years at Center Road Baptist Church, parsonage extensively remodeled

Galeed: Called Dr. Mack Roberts as full time Pastor 9-23-07, purchased a new roadside sign, licensed Joey Autry into Special Christian Service, purchased a church van, called Joey Autry as Associate Pastor to Student Ministries

Good News: Dedicated new church building, ordained Rev. Larry Hayes, celebrated homecoming, had Pastor Appreciation Day, Youth Day, Men's Day, and Women's Day

Hickory Grove: In February recovered from a 2007 lightning strike to the sound system and Pastor's computer, WMU-1 made prayer quilts for persons on the prayer list, Baptist Men have been busy with the Handyman Ministry projects, Pastor Brust resigned at the end of March and the Pastor search committee is searching for a Pastor, Women on Missions #1 met and exceeded Lottie Moon & Annie Armstrong offering goals and also made 15 lap quilts, 20 shoeboxes were provided for missionaries, missionary presentations were made from Africa and Haiti, 25 prison ministry boxes were provided, book studies and visitations were conducted, Women on Missions #2 participated in 5 projects, Youth (GA's) participated in 5 projects including Operation In-As-Much and they went to Odum Children's Home to help clean the pantry

Love Grove: Dwight Holland was ordained as a deacon

New Beginnings: Called Rev. Gene Smith as Pastor, and have ongoing ministries of food bank, giving clothing away, and helping the needy

Northside: Cameron & Kelly Lewis went to Washington, VT from Northside church as a husband and wife missionary team (thru North American Mission Board), participated in Operation In-As-Much with great success, Baptist Men built 5 ramps, Russell Benson was ordained as a deacon

Richardson: Purchased land across road from Church, Pastor's office/study added to church, Dirt Racing For Jesus growing and expanding, continued bread ministry, Youth camping trip, cross added to church grounds, continued nursing home ministry, continued brotherhood missions projects, had family night missions suppers, did landscaping at the church

Riverside: Rev. Stan Jenkins accepted call as full-time Pastor June 29, 2008

Tar Heel: Rev. John Rollyson accepted position of Pastor

Whites Creek: Continuing Angel Food Ministries

Zion Hill: Purchased house with 2 acres of land located behind the church

"Historian Report"

The historical events listed are taken from the "Congregation Profiles"

As in the years since our Centennial celebration in 1992, when a brief history of all the churches in the Association were complied into a book entitled "A Pictorial Directory of the Churches of the Bladen Baptist Association." we have been profiling two churches taken from this book each year. This year in the "Book of Reports" Good News Baptist Church is profiled on the inside front cover and Love Grove Baptist Church on the back cover.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ethelene Barnes, Historian

Report for 2008 Book of Reports

Office of the GuideStone Team of the Baptist State Convention of NC, Inc.

The GuideStone Team of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina exists to educate and inform key lay leaders who are the decision makers in our churches, and to facilitate the delivery of important products and services to the employees of the more than 4,000 churches affiliated with our state convention. Specifically, we use a variety of delivery methods to enhance the procurement of the following for church employees: **Insurance Products** (Life, Accidental Death & Dismember-ment, Medical, Disability, Dental, and Long Term Care), **Retirement Products** (Church Retirement Plan, Traditional and Roth IRAs, Personal Investments, etc.), **Compensation Planning for Church Employees**, **Tax Issues**, etc. In addition, we work closely with GuideStone Financial Resources in Dallas to provide financial assistance to those elderly ministers and widows of ministers who live under financial duress and need ongoing and/or one time assistance through the **Mission:Dignity Ministry** which is the new term for the very successful Adopt an Annuitant Ministry.

To personalize the importance of our work please consider the following vignettes. First, consider Pastor A, who had emergency heart bypass surgery this year with no medical insurance. The overwhelming cost of this surgery has placed a tremendous financial burden on him and his family. Furthermore, this pastor was not an active participant in the church retirement plan until recently. With the state convention protection benefits that come with monthly contributions to the retirement plan this pastor, as a retirement participant, now has a survivor and disability benefit in place for himself and his family in case of a debilitating illness, accident or death. Since no underwriting is required to prove evidence of good health, this pastor, his family, and the church he is serving is now protected from another catastrophic event resulting in disability and/or death. In 2007 working with GuideStone we paid the following disability and survivor protection benefits to North Carolina church employees and/or their families: 111 Disability Benefits Totaling $606,708.68 and 39 Survivor Benefits Totaling $391,254.53. This is a powerful example of **CARING** by our state convention by providing these much needed financial resources for those in need.

Secondly, please note that all church planters who receive financial assistance from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina are now required to be an active participant in the Church Retirement Plan. With this change in policy we have the assurance of protection for all of our church planters, their families, and the churches they are starting in case something happens to them. By **DARING** to move in this direction our state convention has provided a safety net for those who have stepped out in faith to begin much needed new churches in our state.

Thirdly, consider Pastor C, who has now retired because of poor health. During this past year we qualified him to begin receiving monthly financial assistance from GuideStone through the Mission:Dignity Ministry to supplement his paltry monthly income. In fact, his wife shared with me recently that they would be in deep financial trouble without that monthly financial assistance from GuideStone. As of June 30, 2008, we have 206 persons from North Carolina who are receiving financial assistance through Mission:Dignity. **SHARING** in this way fulfills the mandate of scripture to provide for those in need. Please assist us in identifying other persons who might qualify for this assistance.

Finally, we wish to serve all of our churches and their employees with the appropriate information and products to meet their needs. For more information call the Baptist State Convention of NC at 1.800.395.5102 extensions 5594 or 5595, visit our Web site at www.ncbaptist.org, call GuideStone at 1.888.984.8433, or visit the GuideStone Web site at www.GuideStone.org.

Johnny E. Ross
GuideStone State Representative

Report from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

For period July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008

North Carolina Baptists faithfully invest in the lives of others so that the truth of the Gospel may penetrate hearts and change lives. The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina staff, under the leadership of Executive Director-Treasurer Milton A. Hollifield, Jr., is committed to helping Baptist churches maximize their ministry outreach for the purpose of building the Lord's Kingdom.

This year the Executive Committee voted unanimously that the ministry of the BSCNC expand to create a new group – the Church Planting and Missions Development Group (CPMD). Formed out of components of the Mission Growth Evangelism Group (MGE), Administration & Convention Relations Group and Business Services Group, this new division will combine Church Planting; Associational Partnerships; Cooperative Program (CP) Missions Development, Stewardship, and NCMO; and the new Women's Ministry under the direction of a new executive leader. As a result of this action, the group formerly known as MGE will be re-named the Evangelization Group and retain its leadership role of evangelism with adults, youth and children as well as the outreach to college and university campuses across the state of North Carolina under Executive Leader Don McCutcheon.

Embrace Women's Ministries and Missions was launched this year. This ministry will embrace God's call to pray for and minister to women, their families and future generations for the building up of Christ's Kingdom. Embrace will focus on ministry to women and families through three major intents: evangelism, discipleship and missions.

Associational Partnerships

Ken Kessler, Baptist State Convention Associational Partnerships Team Leader for the past three and a half years, took a position with the Baptist General Association of Virginia in April 2008. Betsy Roland, Associational Partnerships Ministry Assistant, continues to serve associational staff as we search for a new Team Leader. The Convention serves churches along with 80 associations across the state.

Each year Associational Partnerships hosts an associational missions summer conference. This year's conference theme was "Living with Urgency: Seize the Divine Moment." Speakers included Hugh Townsend, North American Mission Board; Pedro Rosario, Crown Financial Ministries; and David Mann, LifeWay Network Partnerships Specialist.

Bivocational Ministries also hosts an annual summer conference. "Developing the Leader Within You" was the focus this year, with special emphasis on 1 Timothy 5:2-3. Conference participants at Caraway Conference Center heard from Jim Henry, retired senior pastor; Ray Gilder, bivocational specialist with the Tennessee Baptist Convention; and Diane Gilder, teacher and leader in conferences for ministers spouses. Lester Evans is the BSCNC bivocational ministries consultant. The BSCNC has about 1,400 churches with bivocational staff.

Also sponsored annually is the Associational Staff/Convention Staff Dialogue. Each January, leaders dialogue about common ministry points in associations across North Carolina. Leaders learn from the ideas of others and encourage one another in their evangelism opportunities. The retired directors of missions banquet in December invites leaders and their spouses to Caraway to fellowship and share how the Lord continues to work in their lives.

Associational Partnerships helps associations fill ministry positions and provides training for search committees. Through Ministry Partnership Agreements local associations partner with this office in outreach such as church planting, resort ministry and ethnic and language ministry.

Another resource offered by this office is demographic services for associations and churches. Understanding the demographics of an associational area can help leaders be more effective in their planning and outreach. Convention churches can access this information through the Percept organization at the Web site www.link2lead.com. This year Percept added advanced features to allow leaders to view demographic data not only in their association, but within a certain mile radius of the association. Leaders can also view the demographics of other associations.
Associational Partnerships allows North Carolina Baptists to serve together and minister in the name of Jesus Christ.

Conference Centers

This year 768 students made professions of faith, 1,804 made rededications and 52 were called to full time ministry during summer youth weeks at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell. During Congregational Leadership Days at Hollifield more than 3,000 North Carolina Baptists came to Lake Hickory for retreats and leadership development. Truett Camp hosted the Western Happiness Retreat, Junior Music Camp and Youth Music Week. Caraway Conference Center and Camp built a prayer chapel and welcomed 23,000 guests to its facilities.

Church Planting
The Lord blessed the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina with a total of 99 new churches last year. This consisted of 77 new church plants and 22 new affiliates. Included were 77 Anglo, 15 Hispanic, eight Asian and eight multi-ethnic churches. Others were African-American, cowboy, biker, Montagnard, Hmong and African churches. For the reporting year, North Carolina Baptist churches baptized 23, 122 people.

One of the primary components of the church planting process in North Carolina is Basic Training for Church Planters, a weeklong training event. This year we trained 106 people at this event. The Church Planting Team also offered a "Partners in Church Planting" conference at Caraway Conference Center, when participants learned the three levels of partnerships in church plants. Amaury Santos, Hispanic church planting consultant, joined the Church Planting Team.

Eternal Impact
The theme for the 2008 North Carolina Missions Offering and Week of Prayer was "Eternal Impact" (www.ncmissionsoffering.org).This offering is the visible expression of North Carolina Baptists who desire to impact eternity. The offering supports the work of NC Baptist Men, church planting and evangelism, missions education and promotion, associational projects and mission camps. By supporting this offering and week of prayer, North Carolina Baptists work to impact God's world for eternal change to God 's eternal glory.

Another way North Carolina Baptists make missions a priority is by giving through the Cooperative Program. Awards were given to the 20 churches leading the Convention in Cooperative Program giving for 2007. Among churches with more than 400 members, Peninsula Baptist Church in Mooresville was first in giving, while the leader among churches with fewer than 400 members was Laurel Springs Baptist Church in Deep Gap.

Making Disciples
Congregational Services has a vision for North Carolina Baptist churches to make disciples resulting in lives changed by the power of God and assists churches in Sunday School, church administration, church building and planning, music and worship, children's ministry, preschool ministry and family ministry. Youth who attended music week at Truett Camp were challenged to devote their lives to worshipping the Creator. This year the All-State Youth Choir celebrated 10 years of ministry.

Churches participating in Sunday School leadership training and the Associational Smaller Membership Sunday School Growth Plan saw more people coming to church and hearing the Gospel. Through collaborative leadership, the Pastors Disciple-Making Network, and discipleship conferences such as Transformed Hearts, North Carolina Baptists have been encouraged to go forth and make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Scholarships
A scholarship program has been established and is administered by the Convention for students from North Carolina Baptist churches. This year nearly $1 million was awarded, with more than 700 students receiving scholarships. Students applying for the Baptist Scholarship were required to answer two essay questions: "Give your personal testimony" and "How is the Cooperative Program relevant to today's generation?" Students were also required to submit a letter of recommendation from their church pastor.

Telling the Good News
The Intentionally Evangelistic Church Strategy (IECS) remains the primary strategy for winning North Carolina to Christ.A total of 444 participants and 166 North Carolina Baptist churches participated this year in the IECS and IECS training.The IECS strategy seminars are moving from exclusively state meetings to more seminars on the associational level. In May, the Office of Prayer for Evangelization and Spiritual Awakening announced the addition of a prayer room at the Baptist Building in Cary. This room serves as a model for Kingdom-focused prayer that seeks to glorify Christ and fulfill His mission.

The annual Revive Us Again statewide prayer conference was held at Hope Community Church in Raleigh and pastors and leaders united in prayer for revival and awakening during eight associational half-day retreats. Regional overnight one-day retreats were also held across the state. The "Evangelizing Our Culture with the Gospel" conference was held February 25-26 at Lawndale Baptist Church in Greensboro and included equipping seminars, worship and church growth dialogue sessions.

Retirements
Janice Haywood, senior consultant for children's ministry, retired after 30 years of serving North Carolina Baptist churches. Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute president Kenneth W. Ridings retired after 11 years as president.

BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA
(July 2007-July 2008)

Kasey . . . The life Kasey lived was a sharp contrast from the life she was actually living at school where she was popular and a cheerleader. An abusive stepfather, a distant mother, and the responsibility of caring for her two younger brothers were too much for the young teen. Kasey moved in with her grandmother believing it would help. Instead, as she grew older, she acted out and made dangerous choices that put her at risk.

Kasey's grandmother knew about Baptist Children's Homes and made a call. The teenager now lives at BCH's Oak Ranch near Broadway, becoming the first girl ever admitted into the residential facility that had before only served boys. Today, she is one of seven girls in care.

Kasey likes living at the 755-acre ranch. She loves taking care of the horses. She is taking responsibility for her actions. Kasey is involved in theatre at the Harnett County school she attends. Recently, she played a fish in "Seussical the Musical," and she is a member of the school's photography club. Her favorite subject is English.

Kasey reads her Bible and says she prays a lot. "I am a Christian. I have given my heart to the Lord. I tell Him everything."

Kasey is only one of nearly 1,500 children who find hope and care each year at Baptist Children's Homes. Each one has a story. Each one is given an opportunity in the name of Jesus. Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for remembering "the least of these."

President Blackwell Marks 25th Year . . . BCH president Michael C. Blackwell observed his 25th year overseeing the statewide child care Institution on July 1. Blackwell has led BCH to become family-focused and child-centered while never losing sight of the ministry's core Christian values. His accomplishments are too numerous to list here, but the reader is referred to the July 2008 Commemorative issue of ***Charity&Children*** for a complete summary. Complimentary copies are available by calling 1-800-476-3669, ext. 1211. Under Blackwell's leadership, BCH now operates facilities in 16 North Carolina cities.

New Transitional Service . . . BCH introduced a new residential service to specifically aid older children as they prepare for life as independent adults. Transitional living provides care, counseling, and life-skills education to older children in a less restricted residential setting. The service was created in response to the growing need in North Carolina to help transition children from residential care to productive and self-sufficient adult lives. In

January, Noel Home in Lenoir became BCH's first transitional living cottage followed by Huffman Cottage at Mills Home in Thomasville.

Developmental Disabilities Ministry in Sanford . . . On May 18, 2008, more than 300 supporters and BCH staff members gathered for the dedication ceremony of two new Developmental Disabilities Ministry (DDM) homes for developmentally disabled adults in Sanford. The Lanier Home and Mercer Home will provide residence for six special needs adult women and men respectively.

Food Roundup Reaches New High . . . The annual "Food Roundup" in April exceeded its goal, setting a new mark in the amounts of food, supplies, and gift cards given to BCH. North Carolina Baptists across the state, with the coordination of church leaders and association directors of missions, came together to deliver more than $300,000 in donated items. Another high was set in the month of May when almost 3,000 volunteers and guests visited BCH facilities for work days and special events.

Mills Home Church Renovation . . . Renovation of the Mills Home Baptist Church in Thomasville was completed with the help of North Carolina Baptist volunteers and a generous estate gift. Church groups renovated the fellowship hall installing new carpet, recess lighting, and expanding and refurbishing the kitchen. Upstairs rooms were painted and new carpet and lighting were added.

BCH Reaccredited . . . BCH has been reaccredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Family and Children (COA). Accreditation through COA means BCH meets the highest national standards and is delivering the best in quality services. BCH received its first accreditation in 1987. The institution has been accredited ever since.

Five Star Rating . . . Three BCH centers received five star ratings, the highest possible rating, from the North Carolina Division of Child Development. The on-site daycare at Care House in Lenoir, a group home providing care and education for single teenage mothers and their babies, received its license in May 2007. The Fleshman-Pratt Education Center for infants to three year olds and Robert Idol Child Development Center for three to five year olds received five star ratings last summer. Both centers are a part of BCH's Weekday Education program in Thomasville.

Truett Home . . . A special open house on February 3, 2008 celebrated the opening of the Truett Baptist Association Children's Home in Hayesville. The home represents one of the most unique relationships in North Carolina Baptist life as BCH provides residential child care services at the facility and Truett Association provides funding and leases the property. Truett Association and BCH have partnered to provide help to children and families living in Cherokee, Clay and Graham Counties.

Girls Wilderness Camp . . . On May 20, 2008, President Blackwell made the long-awaited announcement of the establishment of a wilderness camping program for girls. With a major lead gift from the Haskell and Gay Duncan Foundation, BCH has begun fundraising efforts to build Phase One of the camp, which is located near Aberdeen in Moore County.

THE NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION, INC.
2007 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the North Carolina Baptist Foundation since its inception in 1920 has been to assist the Convention and its institutions and agencies in increasing an awareness among North Carolina Baptists of Christian estate stewardship principles as a means of financially undergirding churches, institutions and mission endeavors on a permanent basis. The uniqueness of the ministries and services provided by the institutions and General Board staff merits increased financial support. The Foundation accomplishes these objectives by offering assistance in estate planning counsel, Will preparation, planned giving, charitable remainder trusts, endowment funds and church fund management.

Accomplishing this mission does indeed involve Caring, Sharing, and Daring. The Caring of the Foundation manifested itself in 2007 as individuals were assisted in establishing 35 endowment funds and 8 charitable remainder trusts totaling $1.8 million and received $4.8 million in contributions to existing endowments, all of which will ultimately benefit countless Baptist causes on a permanent basis. Programs were provided for churches and associations during the year to promote Make Your Will Month, Christian estate stewardship and church fund management. Approximately $445,000 from churches and institutions came under management to enhance numerous ministries including scholarships, building funds, cemetery funds, benevolence funds, general operating funds and other various mission causes. Overall, the Foundation received just over $7 million in contributions during 2007 for Christian causes.

And, how is this for sharing? During 2007, our distributions totaled $13.9 million, with charity receiving $11.6 million and individuals, through trusts, receiving $2.3 million. During the 86-year history of The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc., $33.9 million has been distributed to individuals and $70.8 million to Baptist churches, institutions and mission causes for a grand historical total of $104.7 million.

The Daring is seen in our investing Kingdom money in such a way as to grow the assets while at the same time protecting the principal. To this end, the Foundation employs professional money managers to invest these funds according to an investment policy adopted by its Board. Four investment pools are offered: a growth fund, a balanced fund, an income fund and a fixed income fund. The Foundation uses the services of Citi Institutional Consulting, a division of Citigroup Global Markets, to help select top money managers and evaluate performance. As of December 31, 2007, the Foundation held $156.9 million under management.

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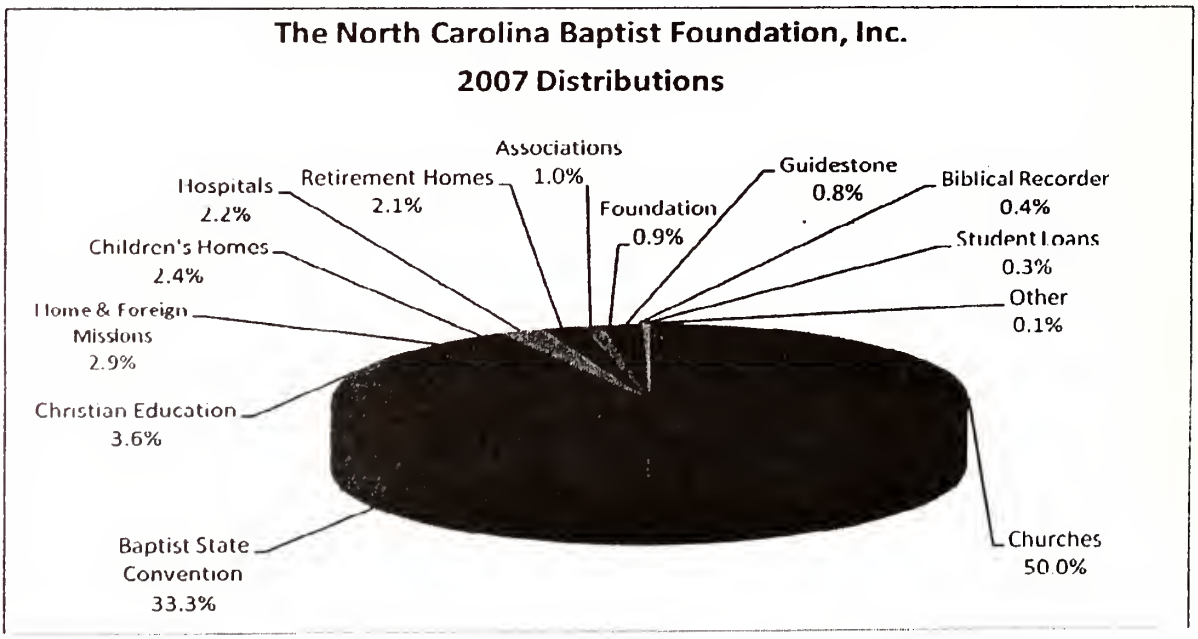

2008 Report to the Associations

North Carolina Baptist Hospital

"Touching Lives With Hope"

A MISSION OF HEALING, A PARTNERSHIP OF HOPE

When Jesus saw people suffering from illness, he was moved with compassion and extended healing hands of mercy. His care remains the same today, and he calls upon us to be instruments of God's love and hope to those who are hurting. We at Baptist Hospital are grateful to be partners with North Carolina Baptists in serving Christ and fulfilling our mission – ***"to provide and advance excellent healthcare, embracing the healing presence of God."***

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

A National Leader in Medical Care

- We are ranked as one of **"America's Best Hospitals"** by *U.S. News and World Report* (2007).
- The **"Best Doctors in America"** (2007) includes 181 physicians from the Medical Center.
- Our **Heart Center received a three-star rating** (the highest) from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, reflecting the high quality of heart care and cardiac surgery.
- Our **Comprehensive Cancer Center** has been named a "Blue Distinction Center for Complex and Rare Cancers" by the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.
- Our **patient satisfaction ratings continue to be among the nation's best**, in the top 1% compared to hospitals in our peer group.

Information and Appointments

To make an appointment with one of our physicians or to receive information on health related issues, please contact HEALTH ON-CALL at 800-446-2255 or 336-716-2255. Our web site is www.wfubmc.edu.

THE SCHOOL OF PASTORAL CARE: EXTENDING THE MINISTRY OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS

Our partnership with North Carolina Baptists extends the ministry of churches and enlarges our mission of **"providing ministries of growth, hope and healing in the Spirit of Christ."** We are thankful for the support of Cooperative Program giving and the life-changing impact of what we accomplish together in God's Kingdom.

Baptist Hospital's CareNet Counseling Centers extend the ministry of churches through compassionate, faith-integrated counseling to thousands of hurting individuals, marriages and families.

- Over 28,000 hours of counseling will be provided in 2008, with ministers being among the largest referral sources.
- Our statewide network of 21 CareNet centers covers 80 counties in North Carolina.
- New ministries include services to military personnel and families to help them cope with the stress of combat and extended deployments; residencies to train the next generation of pastoral counselors; and education services to strengthen our care for churches.

The Center for Congregational Health enhances the ministry of churches through Christ-centered consultation and leadership development programs for clergy.

- Our consultants serve nearly 25 churches a month with ministries of conflict reconciliation, strategic visioning and planning, and team development.

2008 Report to the Associations - North Carolina Baptist Hospital

- Nearly 600 ministers and church leaders will be better equipped for service in 2008 through the Center's educational programs.
- Over 2,000 ministers have been trained to serve churches through interim ministry.
- *"Our church has come through a painful, divisive conflict to renewed hope and excitement for our future thanks to the Center for Congregational Health."* – a Baptist deacon

The **Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education department** provides life-changing education for ministers and compassionate spiritual care for our patients, families and staff.

- *"The pastoral education at Baptist was the best training I've ever had in my life."* – a Baptist minister
- *"I could never say thank you enough to the chaplains for helping me through my husband's illness and death."* – a patient's wife
- 62,215 ministry contacts were made by Baptist Hospital chaplains in 2007.
- In 2008, 45 students will complete accredited units of training in Clinical Pastoral Education.

THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: SHARING CHRIST'S LOVE WITH PATIENTS IN NEED

Thanks to the generous compassion of North Carolina Baptists, the Mother's Day Offering received **$727,884 in 2007**, a new record! Every dollar helps patients in financial need pay hospital bills for care received at Baptist, in the name of Jesus Christ and his love. These patients have no other means of assistance, having too much to qualify for government assistance but not enough to pay their hospital bills. They feel the hand of God lifting their burdens through you, and their gratitude is life-changing.

"Thank you, North Carolina Baptists, for paying my hospital bill at Baptist Hospital. I had just lost my job after working 30 years and didn't know what I would do. God answered my prayers through you. I know he guided you to help me and I praise him for you."

"My wife and I are thankful beyond words for this gift!" Our world changed after the accident. We were so worried about her hospital bill. The kindness of good Baptist people lifted our burden and helped her healing process. They strengthened our faith in God's care."

THE MINISTER'S SUBSIDY

The minister's subsidy covers up to 25% of the hospital bills of ministers (and their dependents) serving N.C. Baptist churches for care received at Baptist Hospital. $85,151 was provided in 2007 to these ministers, made possible by the Hospital's W.K. McGee Patient Service Fund and the Mother's Day Offering.

CLOSING WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

At Baptist Hospital, our mission of healing is a sacred privilege and responsibility. We bring the best care possible to those who entrust their lives to us, combining medical excellence and simple compassion for those we serve. We see God's healing power at work every day, and we are thankful. We are grateful to North Carolina Baptists for being our partners in the mission that God has given us.

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NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL
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2008 Annual Report
Baptist Retirement Homes of North Carolina
to the Baptist Churches

"Lord... you have made my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places: surely I have a delightful inheritance." Psalm 16:5-6

Thank you, North Carolina Baptists!

Because of your generosity in 2007-2008, Baptist Retirement Homes will be able to provide more than $2,000,000 in funding for benevolent care.

Their lot has been made secure.

Forty percent of our residents are financially unable to pay the cost of the care they are receiving. Month after month, year after year, many of our Assisted Living and Nursing Care residents receive financial assistance from you. Furthermore, our promise to each of our residents is that care will last for as long as they live. The financial support of North Carolina Baptists helps Baptist Retirement Homes to keep this promise.

Their boundary lines have fallen in pleasant places.

At the Western North Carolina Baptist Home in Asheville ... at the Brookridge Retirement Community in Winston-Salem ... at The Taylor House in Albemarle ... and at the Gardens of Taylor Glen in Concord, beauty, security, comfort, and compassionate care are found in full measure.

They have a delightful inheritance.

At each of the Homes, the ministry of a Baptist chaplain lifts the hearts of our residents. The enrichment and recreational activities at each Home make for an enjoyable lifestyle. Day after day the high quality of care that is given speaks of a loving Heavenly Father, helping to make life for our Aging Saints... *The Best of Times!*

More Questions?

Call the Baptist Elder Care Network • 1-800-887-7410

A statewide system of resource counselors answering questions related to the needs of aging persons. A free service provided by Baptist Retirement Homes.

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Biblical Recorder
Associational Report 2007-08

Biblical Recorder Helps You Embrace Change

If it is not apparent to you yet, it soon will be: change is not linear, but exponential.
Change comes at you not in a straight, predictable line, but in a blistering curve upward and accelerating. Changes you anticipated in five-years jump on you overnight.
Knowledge is your only preparation to engage change without getting bowled over and the Biblical Recorder arms you with the knowledge you need to know, now.

That theme, "Know Now" is behind our July update of the www.biblicalrecorder.org website. You will find in the *Recorder* rich resources in news, features, inspiration, Sunday school lessons, interpretive insights about issues, ideas about what others are doing and where to find ideas for your own—all things you need to handle accelerating change in your church and spiritual life.

The *Biblical Recorder* is not the final word in the undulating mix of ideas among North Carolina Baptists. Instead, the *Recorder* is a forum in which to share and learn what others are doing in missions, church, evangelism, physical and spiritual health, personal finances, ministry and theological topics. You will be able to contact the staff writer of any story and make comments on any story simply by clicking on the appropriate boxes at the end of each.

We will have a photo album online and we want to publish photos of your mission trips and special events. Send us 8-12 photos with identification of the event and we'll put them up for the world to see. Your Kingdom efforts, whether next door or in another nation, deserve a wide audience to help readers of the Recorder be inspired, informed and immediate.

Those of you so inclined can start your own blog, hosted at the *Recorder* site, where you will have some built in audience and traffic.

The online *Recorder* is updated daily and usually, several times daily. So come back often and stay in touch with the part of the Kingdom we call North Carolina Baptists.

The archives from 11 years of online news have been transferred to this site and are searchable by key words. So the *Recorder* is by far your best tool to find information about NC Baptist life.

The print version of the *Biblical Recorder* carries the most current and vital versions of the daily updates with colorful photos and staff change information. There will always be something in the print version that is not online and an individual subscription is just $15 annually. Churches may subscribe in various group plans to save even more money.

The *Recorder* is a great place to advertise your church staff searches, and to peruse while you look for the right person to join your own staff.

The *Recorder* was founded in 1833. It was privately owned and operated for most of its history, then in 1939 became a convention agency. As it has from its founding, the *Recorder* serves as the official news publication of the BSC, and serves the full spectrum of its churches.

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2008 Christian Action League Legislative Summary

Christian Action League of North Carolina, Inc.
August 21, 2008

Introduction. This year's short session of the North Carolina General Assembly was just that – short. Though the session was brief, only lasting from May 13 – July 18, serious issues regarding life, marriage, racism, sexual perversion and drugs were placed on the agenda.

Legislation Opposed by the Christian Action League

Certainly the most controversial bill of the session was **HB 1366 – School Violence Prevention Act,** which would have required North Carolina public schools adopt anti-bullying policies making "sexual orientation" and "gender identity or expression" a specially protected class. The bill would have created a historical legal precedence in North Carolina law and opened the door for homosexual ideology to be taught in the public schools. Though the bill passed in the House by a slim margin, the Senate stripped the bill of the objectionable enumerations and the House did not concur. The bill then was sent to a Conference Committee, which essentially produced no significant changes to the measure. When the conference report was reported to both chambers, the inundation of contacts by constituents opposed to the pro-homosexual measure convinced Senate members not to take it up. The House followed suit with the same response.

HR 2405 – LRC Study/Alternative Medicines called for a taxpayer study into the benefits of medicinal marijuana. According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), marijuana is a dangerous, addictive drug that poses significant health threats to its users; has no medical value that cannot be met more effectively by legal drugs and more often than not, opens the door to even more harmful illegal substances. Even though former Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders came to the General Assembly to stump for the measure, it was never taken up for consideration.

Two bills introduced in the North Carolina Senate that would have granted state funding of embryonic stem cells were not taken up by the Senate and thus failed. **HB 1837 – Stem Cell Research Health and Wellness Act** would have permitted embryonic stem cell research under limited circumstances and authorized the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission to establish guidelines for stem-cell research grants. **SB 1965 – Funds/ Stem Cell Research** would have awarded to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Duke University, Wake Forest University and East Carolina University, grants of up to $4 million each, earmarked for stem cell research. Although the measure did not specify what kind of stem cell research would be allowed, it did not prohibit embryonic stem cell research

Legislation Supported By the Christian Action League

SB 685 – Up Penalties Cross Burn/Illegal to Hang Noose, which passed the General Assembly and becomes effective December 1, 2008, increases the penalty for burning a cross or hanging a noose for the purpose of intimidation. North Carolina currently has a misdemeanor ethnic intimidation law, and a Class I felony that prohibits burning a cross in someone's yard, but SB 685 makes the use of a cross or noose for the purpose of intimidation into a Class H felony, giving a judge the power to put a perpetrator in prison. Amina Turner, executive director of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) of North Carolina, said

strengthening the law sends a signal to law enforcement agencies that they can't overlook the use of these symbols to intimidate.

For five years, the leadership in both the North Carolina House and Senate has refused to allow the hearing of legislation that would define marriage in the state's Constitution as "one man and one woman." Even though this year's legislation **SB 1608 – Defense of Marriage** and its House companion **HB 2803 – Defense of Marriage,** enjoyed strong bipartisan support and would have easily passed, North Carolina remains the only state in the Southeastern United States that has not taken action to define marriage in its Constitution. Without a marriage amendment, North Carolina remains extremely vulnerable to gay activists that would sue for state recognition of same-sex marriages performed in Massachusetts or California, where such unions are currently legal. Should a suit of this nature succeed, North Carolina's current laws prohibiting gay marriage would be overturned and subsequently same-sex marriage legalized. Allowing North Carolinians the opportunity to vote on defining marriage in the state's most sacred document and not leaving it to the judiciary to decide remains the most important legislation North Carolina lawmakers could enact.

Out of the 21 different pieces of pro-life legislation introduced in the General Assembly this year, the leadership in both the House and Senate allowed a hearing for only one. **HB 392 – Choose Life Special Registration Plate** would have directed a portion of the proceeds from the sale of a special "Choose Life" license plate to the "Crisis Pregnancy Fund." Monies from the fund would have been distributed by the N.C. Division of Social Services to nongovernmental, not-for-profit agencies that provide pregnancy crisis services limited to counseling and meeting the physical needs of pregnant women that were committed to either raising their own children or placing them up for adoption. No agency involved or associated with abortion would have been eligible for the funds. Unfortunately, the bill was stalled in the House Finance Committee, along with a number of other specialty license plates bills.

Lawmakers also failed to capitalize on an opportunity to curb vice and save lives by rejecting Governor Mike Easley's budget proposal to increase cigarette and alcohol taxes. If the legislation had been approved, it would have not only resulted in a gain of more than $169 million in state revenues, but also significantly reduced binge drinking and smoking among North Carolina's youth. The proposal was summarily rejected for consideration.

Conclusion. Within a period of approximately eight weeks, the Christian Action League lobbied against and in favor of some very critical legislative initiatives. This report does not include the many non-legislative matters of public policy the Christian Action League addressed or continues to address in 2008. Non-legislative matters cover a wide spectrum of assistance from helping concerned citizens defend their religious liberties to directing communities on how to defeat alcohol referendums. This report is but a summary of the League's efforts to be "salt" and "light" for Christ's sake in the legislature. A full and comprehensive report of the League's lobbying, as well as educational activities, will be posted on the Christian Action League's web site (www.christianactionleague.org) by the end of September 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Mark H. Creech, Executive Director
Dr. David Hansley, President

2008 Annual Report
Council on Christian Higher Education

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Annual Ministry Report North American Mission Board - 2008

The North American Mission Board assists Southern Baptists in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission in the United States, Canada and their territories through a relevant national strategy for sharing Christ, starting churches and sending missionaries, in cooperation with Acts 1:8 Partners.

NAMB saw God at work in many ways in 2007 and welcomed new and exciting changes in partnership with our Southern Baptist state conventions, associations, and churches, as we continued to focus on our three primary tasks of sharing Christ, starting churches, and sending missionaries.

The staff and more than 5,000 missionaries who serve through NAMB are grateful for Southern Baptists' prayers and support and are looking toward the future, confident in God's leadership and provision. We are especially thankful to all Southern Baptists who gave so generously in 2007 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American Missions. A total of $59.4 million—exceeding the national goal by more than $2 million—w as given to provide resources to share Christ, start churches, and send missionaries. In addition, we are thankful for the continual financial support that churches give through the Cooperative Program. Our prayer is that God will find us good stewards of those funds and the work He has called us to do.

Sharing Christ

- A total of 278 new chaplains received SBC endorsement through NAMB. The total chaplain count is 2,778. NAMB-endorsed chaplains presented the gospel 61,057 times, resulting in 9,954 professions of faith and 2,352 baptisms. SBC chaplains serve in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare facilities. For more information about chaplaincy, visit www.namb.net/chaplain.

- The Evangelism Response Center has 3,900 volunteers who serve as Telephone Encouragers (TE). In 2007, ERC received more than 34,000 calls. Telephone Encouragers directly engaged with 12,008 callers. A total of 7,264 people made decisions related to their walk with Christ, including 1,731 callers who prayed to receive Christ. On average, 20 percent of calls to the Evangelism Response Center make a decision related to their relationship with Christ.

- Crossover San Antonio, held prior to the Southern Baptist Convention in 2007, gave volunteers opportunities to participate in inner-city evangelism, Festival de Alabanza (Festival of Praise), block parties, international festival, door-to-door evangelism, Compassion in Action (servant evangelism) and prayer walking. There were more than 820 professions of faith. Crossover Indianapolis will take place June 6-7, 2008.

- NAMB is continuing its involvement in the long-term rebuilding of New Orleans by bringing national coordination to the ongoing effort by Southern Baptist volunteers through Operation NOAH Rebuild. Last year 11,611 Southern Baptists served in the re-building efforts. But beyond meeting physical needs, Southern Baptists are meeting spiritual needs. Operation NOAH volunteers shared the gospel 495 times resulting in 132 professions of faith. In addition, NAMB is working with its partners in the Gulf Coast region to strengthen churches and start new churches to address the area's urgent spiritual needs. For information on volunteering in the effort, see www.namb.net/noah.

- Domestic Hunger Funds (funds benefiting the hungry in North America), totaling more than $1.2 million, were distributed by NAMB to state Southern Baptist Convention partners. In 2007, Southern Baptist hunger ministries fed more than 3.5 million meals to the hungry in North America. More than 2,000 hunger ministries reported more than 35,000 professions of faith. There were more than 67,000 volunteers working in hunger ministries, and 7,200 new volunteers were trained in evangelism. Last year, missionaries and volunteers shared the gospel with more than 580,000 people because of the opportunities provided through hunger ministries.

Starting Churches

- Southern Baptists established more than 1,455 new congregations in 2007. Of these, 55.2 percent are ethnic and African-American congregations.

- Through seven Nehemiah Project church planting centers on Southern Baptist seminary campuses, 741 students were trained and placed as long term church planters. More than 1,115 people have served as short-term interns preparing for church planting roles.

- Canadian leadership has set a prayer goal of establishing 1,000 healthy, reproducing churches by 2020. The National Church Starting Team has asked churches to partner with them to explore and pray in 2000 communities in 2008 as a part of "Encounter Canada 2008." Their goal is to explore and pray in every community across Canada by December of 2010.

Sending Missionaries

- NAMB's missionary count was 5,271 on December 31, 2007. Of this number, 3,235 are missionaries and their spouses operating under various levels of cooperative funding with state conventions and local associations, and another 2,036 are long-term Mission Service Corps missionaries.

- 1,478 high school and college students answered God's call to summer, sojourner, or semester missions. Semester missionaries made 13,467 gospel presentations resulting in 1,054 professions of faith and 497 rededications.

- An estimated 125,000 Southern Baptists participated in short-term projects through NAMB during the year.

- In 2007, 17,989 trained Southern Baptist Disaster Relief from 42 state conventions prepared 1,039,989 meals, repaired 1,238 homes/buildings, completed 1,357 mud-outs of flood debris, removed storm debris from 8,565 yards, purified 206,511 gallons of water, cared for 823 children, provided 64,587 showers, and washed and dried 4,547 loads of laundry.
    - More than 9,493 new Disaster Relief volunteers were trained in 2007 to 70,410 the number of trained volunteers listed on state rosters.
    - 157 new mobile units were added to the DR fleet in 2007.
    - 6,257 gospel presentations with 508 professions of faith and 124 other decisions were reported.
    - There are currently 2,377 trained DR chaplains on the state rosters. In 2007, are reported 9,186 chaplain interventions took place.

- World Changers summer mission opportunities saw more than 22,346 participants in 87 projects. PowerPlant, a mission opportunity that mobilizes students in church planting and missions, saw 1,746 participants in 16 projects. Together participants in these ministries made 14,157 presentations of the gospel resulting in 1,209 recorded professions of faith.

- In 2007 Cleveland Hope, NAMB's Strategic Focus City emphasis in partnership with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, completed its second full year of church and community wide implementation averaging 490 baptisms (a 99% increase of pre-SFC engagement); 16 new church plants (80% success rate); 5,233 people mobilized to engage with local churches (prior to SFC engagement Cleveland averaged 350 annual mobilized volunteers) and more than 50,000 prayer intercessors mobilized. In 2007, Embrace Baltimore and Vision San Diego developed, recruited and called staff-teams and developed multi-year community strategies in cooperation with their local churches, state conventions, LifeWay Christian Resources and churches from across North America. We anticipate 2008 will be a significant year for spiritually impacting these urban communities.

International Mission Board Report - 2008

Field personnel under appointment (9/11/08)	5,397
Career/associates/apprentices	4,257
2-yr. ISC/Journeymen/Masters	1,140
Field personnel appointed 2007	844
Career/associates/apprentices	339
2-yr. ISC/Journeymen/Masters	505
Student volunteers 2007	4,271
Overseas baptisms 2007*	609,968
Overseas churches 2007*	157,890
Overseas church membership 2007*	9.9 million
New churches 2007*	25,497
People groups engaged**	1,183
People groups of the Last Frontier**	5,913
Population of the Last Frontier peoples**	1.6 billion
World population 2007**	6.8 billion
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts for Christmas 2006	$150.2 million
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal for Christmas 2008	$170 million
International Mission Board budget for 2008	$304 million
World Hunger/General Relief 2007 receipts	

South America: 2008 focus region

A prevailing lostness that will surprise you

Many of us think South America has been reached with the Gospel. But this continent holds some of the remotest, darkest places on earth, with no way for the light of the Gospel to penetrate. And many who do hear are shrouded by animism, superstition and spiritual blindness that negates the Gospel's witness. This unthinkable tragedy exists as near to us as a three-hour plane flight!

The unreached of South America are desperate for our fervent prayers, generous hearts and going feet to unlock their spiritual prisons. Are you willing to take God's message to them? To pray away the barriers? To generously support fellow Southern Baptists investing their lives there?

Go to samregion.org to find out how you can make a difference in South America. Find country and people group information, volunteer and personnel requests, prayer requests, products, photos, video and more!

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NAMB saw God at work in many ways in 2007 and welcomed new and exciting changes in partnership with our Southern Baptist state conventions, associations, and churches, as we continued to focus on our three primary tasks of sharing Christ, starting churches, and sending missionaries.

The staff and more than 5,000 missionaries who serve through NAMB are grateful for Southern Baptists' prayers and support and are looking toward the future, confident in God's leadership and provision. We are especially thankful to all Southern Baptists who gave so generously in 2007 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® for North American Missions. A total of $59.4 million—exceeding the national goal by more than $2 million—w as given to provide resources to share Christ, start churches, and send missionaries. In addition, we are thankful for the continual financial support that churches give through the Cooperative Program. Our prayer is that God will find us good stewards of those funds and the work He has called us to do.

Sharing Christ

- A total of 278 new chaplains received SBC endorsement through NAMB. The total chaplain count is 2,778. NAMB-endorsed chaplains presented the gospel 61,057 times, resulting in 9,954 professions of faith and 2,352 baptisms. SBC chaplains serve in settings such as prison, military, institutional, corporate, and healthcare facilities. For more information about chaplaincy, visit www.namb.net/chaplain.

- The Evangelism Response Center has 3,900 volunteers who serve as Telephone Encouragers (TE). In 2007, ERC received more than 34,000 calls. Telephone Encouragers directly engaged with 12,008 callers. A total of 7,264 people made decisions related to their walk with Christ, including 1,731 callers who prayed to receive Christ. On average, 20 percent of calls to the Evangelism Response Center make a decision related to their relationship with Christ.

- Crossover San Antonio, held prior to the Southern Baptist Convention in 2007, gave volunteers opportunities to participate in inner-city evangelism, Festival de Alabanza (Festival of Praise), block parties, international festival, door-to-door evangelism, Compassion in Action (servant evangelism) and prayer walking. There were more than 820 professions of faith. Crossover Indianapolis will take place June 6-7, 2008.

- NAMB is continuing its involvement in the long-term rebuilding of New Orleans by bringing national coordination to the ongoing effort by Southern Baptist volunteers through Operation NOAH Rebuild. Last year 11,611 Southern Baptists served in the re-building efforts. But beyond meeting physical needs, Southern Baptists are meeting spiritual needs. Operation NOAH volunteers shared the gospel 495 times resulting in 132 professions of faith. In addition, NAMB is working with its partners in the Gulf Coast region to strengthen churches and start new churches to address the area's urgent spiritual needs. For information on volunteering in the effort, see www.namb.net/noah.

- Domestic Hunger Funds (funds benefiting the hungry in North America), totaling more than $1.2 million, were distributed by NAMB to state Southern Baptist Convention partners. In 2007, Southern Baptist hunger ministries fed more than 3.5 million meals to the hungry in North America. More than 2,000 hunger ministries reported more than 35,000 professions of faith. There were more than 67,000 volunteers working in hunger ministries, and 7,200 new volunteers were trained in evangelism. Last year, missionaries and volunteers shared the gospel with more than 580,000 people because of the opportunities provided through hunger ministries.

Starting Churches

Deceased Listing
Bladen Association
2008

Abbottsburg
Mrs. Gladys Stephens
Mr. Ryan Arnold

Beards Chapel
Mr. Mark Anthony Peterson

Bethel
N.B. Carroll, Jr.
Pat Bryan
Robert Caulder
R. Harvey Morris
Evelyn B. Dove
Mary "Margie" Wright Bordeaux
Betty Ray DeVane Brisson

Bladenboro First Baptist
Mrs. Nettie Vann Fussell
Mr. Horace Bowen
Mr. William "Bill" Perritt
Mr. George Suggs
Mr. S.G. Packer
Mrs. Nan Kennedy
Mrs. Margie Bryan
Mr. Robert "Bobby" Bridger

Butters
Carol Cain

Center Road
Wilbur Carroll, Sr.
Willie Fell
David Inman
Alton Kinlaw
Manny Silva
Tillie Mae Kinlaw
M.C. Carroll, Jr.

Council
Mrs. Retha McLean
Mrs. Princie McDuffie
Mrs. Sadie Nance

Cypress Creek
Worth Smith
Kenneth Coble

Dublin
J. A. Grimes
Agnes Taylor

Elizabethtown
Mr. Walter Foss
Mrs. Louise Kelly
Mr. Worth Thompson
Mr. Everett Hatcher
Mr. John Kelly
Mrs. Margaret Carroll
Mrs. Hilda Sutton
Mrs. Kate Taylor
Mr. John Wesley Clark
Mr. Worth Hester
Mrs. Agnes Barbour

First Baptist Church of Clarkton
Mrs. Gladys Lanier
Mrs. Arlene Helms
Kenneth Pope, Deacon

Friendship
Mrs. Peggy B. Smith
Mrs. Bonnie Smith
Mrs. Shirley English
Ms. Doris Smith
Mrs. Margaret Williams
Mrs. Peggy Norris

Galeed
Mrs. Diane Freeman
Mr. Wilkes Elkins
Mr. Larry Criscoe

Grace
Margaret Edwards
Elizabeth Edwards
Tillie Ruth Caulk

Hickory Grove
Mr. Leo M. Hester, Deacon
Mr. Joel Herman Stanley

Lisbon
Mr. David Raynor
Mrs. Thelma Beard
Mrs. Jackie McGavock
Mr. Sam Ward
Mrs. Linda White

Love Grove
Mrs. Debra Wilkins

New Center
Gwen Deaver
Joyce Carter
Craig Edwards

Northside
Clara L. Dove
Harr Lee Hall

Peace
Emma Jackson

Riverside
Donald Evans

Sandy Grove
Olive Hawley
Evelyn Edwards

Suggs Grove
Mrs. Pait Suggs Bragg

Tar Heel
Lewis Barnes
Joyce Kaye Paul
Tommy Singletary
Evelyn Wilson
Ida Williamson

West Bladenboro
Darius Stephens

White Oak
Mrs. Katrina White
Mr. Charles Kinlaw

Whites Creek
James Guy Kinlaw
Christine Norris
Lynn Collins

Zion Hill
Mr. Ennis Hester
Mr. Robert (Bob) Smith
Mrs. Bobbie Babson

Bladen Baptist Association TREASURER - David Clark
GIFTS FOR Budget YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2008

	YEAR-TO-DATE
Abbottsburg	2,017.58
Beard's Chapel	1,600.00
Bethel	2,700.00
Bladenboro, First	9,000.00
Briar Branch	600.00
Butters	4,000.00
Center Road	5,054.41
Christ Community	600.00
Clarkton, First	4,887.51
Council	1,200.00
Cypress Creek	2,555.04
Dublin, First	15,906.00
Elizabethtown	8,400.00
Faith	686.00
Friendship	2,465.88
Galeed	7,500.00
Good News	0.00
Good Shepherd	0.00
Grace	1,087.79
Hickory Grove	2,667.00
Lisbon	2,043.28
Love Grove	900.00
New Beginnings	0.00
New Center	2,500.00
Northside	2,479.68
Peace	0.00
Richardson	800.00
Riverside	1,000.00
Sandy Grove	4,800.00
Shady Grove	5,166.66
Suggs Grove	2,600.00
Tar Heel	13,052.81
West Bladenboro	2,000.00
White Lake	3,089.33
White Oak	1,800.00
Whites Creek	2,892.15
Zion Hill	5,000.00
TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS	123,051.12
WMU Thrift Shop	0.00
NC Bapt. State Conv.	1,169.06
NC Sales Tax Refund	773.89
Seminary Extension	0.00
Miscellaneous	4.68
Annuals	0.00
Disaster Recovery	0.00
Basketball League	0.00
Higher Plain Cowboy	228.12
Open Door	127.77
	125,354.64

BUDGET GIFTS TO DATE	125,354.64
BUDGET NEED TO DATE	110,778.01
AHEAD OF BUDGET GOAL	14,576.63

Bladen Baptist Association TREASURER - David Clark
BUDGET SUMMARY FOR YEAR ENDING 2008

BUDGET ITEM	AMOUNT	YR - DATE	ITEM BAL
100 EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MINISTRIES			
101 Sunday School	1,000.00	602.53	397.47
102 Discipleship Trng.	600.00	600.00	0.00
103 Brotherhood	1,000.00	940.47	59.53
104 W.M.U.	1,200.00	685.70	514.30
105 Missions Development	300.00	0.00	300.00
106 Music	500.00	500.00	0.00
107 Evangelism	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
108 Pastoral Care	500.00	386.76	113.24
109 Audio Visual (Media)	400.00	326.61	73.39
110 Associational Admin.	300.00	296.94	3.06
111 Seminary Extension	300.00	35.71	264.29
112 Special Training	350.00	338.36	11.64
113 Local Missions	600.00	584.73	15.27
114 Youth Ministry	800.00	800.00	0.00
115 DisTrailer/Tax/Rep.	3,000.00	186.78	2,813.22
116 Leisure Ministry DRJ	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
200 ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES			
201 Postage	1,500.00	1,486.49	13.51
202 Office Supplies	3,000.00	2,992.51	7.49
203 Office Equip & Maint	1,900.00	1,604.00	296.00
204 Utilities	4,000.00	3,650.65	349.35
205 Building & Grounds	2,000.00	2,312.70	-312.70
206 Insurance/Buildings	2,125.00	960.50	1,164.50
207 Books & Literature	300.00	46.93	253.07
208 DOM Ser.Car/Travel	4,700.00	4,700.00	0.00
209 Conv.& Assemb.-DOM	500.00	500.00	0.00
210 DOM Annuity(Retire)	3,776.00	3,775.80	0.20
211 F.I.C.A. (DOM)Reimb.	5,200.75	5,200.75	0.00
212 F.I.C.A. (Secretary)	1,331.42	1,176.77	154.65
213 Housing/Util. DOM	12,500.00	12,500.00	0.00
214 Medical Spending DOM	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
215 Annuals/Bk.Reports	500.00	500.00	0.00
216 DOM/HealthDisability	9,889.16	9,889.16	0.00
217 Secretary Annuity	1,260.00	1,260.00	0.00
300 SALARIES			
301 Director of Missions	22,538.00	22,538.00	0.00
302 Secretary	16,132.68	15,782.71	349.97
303 Clerk	1,075.00	1,075.00	0.00
400 MISCELLANEOUS			
401 Emergency	250.00	250.00	0.00
402 DOM/Sec.Christmas	750.00	750.00	0.00
403 Contingency	200.00	200.00	0.00
TOTALS	110,778.01	103,936.56	6,841.45

ACCOUNT SUMMARY

ACCOUNT	BAL	RECEIPTS	TOTAL CSH	EXPENSES	END BAL
Budget	143,387.95	9,091.93	152,479.88	10,629.27	141,850.61
Contingency Fund	4,454.12	200.00	4,654.12	0.00	4,654.12
Federal Taxes	32.00	108.00	140.00	140.00	0.00
F.I.C.A.	96.46	115.60	212.06	212.06	0.00
State Taxes	188.00	147.00	335.00	335.00	0.00
Annuals 2006/2007	797.03	0.00	797.03	0.00	797.03
Jesus "Videos"	1,719.40	0.00	1,719.40	0.00	1,719.40
Assoc. Basketball	2,163.59	383.00	2,546.59	0.00	2,546.59
Dis.Tools & Trailer	132.23	0.00	132.23	0.00	132.23
Honduras Missions	4,469.28	0.00	4,469.28	0.00	4,469.28
Handyman Ministries	2,079.80	0.00	2,079.80	0.00	2,079.80
Hispanic Bible Proj	652.00	0.00	652.00	0.00	652.00
World Changers	1,741.08	0.00	1,741.08	0.00	1,741.08
Hurricane Katrina	846.20	0.00	846.20	0.00	846.20
Leisure Ministry	125.00	0.00	125.00	0.00	125.00
Pastor's Fund	31.18	0.00	31.18	0.00	31.18
CowboyCh.Bladenboro	362.00	167.00	529.00	0.00	529.00
Special Missions	4,266.87	1,000.00	5,266.87	1,050.00	4,216.87
Leisure Ministry DR	25.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	25.00
Music Refund	-46.40	0.00	-46.40	0.00	-46.40
Open Door Ministrie	0.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
TOTALS	167,522.79	13,312.53	180,835.32	14,466.33	166,368.99

Bladen Baptist Association TREASURER - David Clark
TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR YEAR ENDING 2008

CHURCHES	YEAR'S RECEIPTS
Abbottsburg	2,094.58
Beard's Chapel	2,642.00
Bethel	3,959.00
Bladenboro, First	9,945.00
Briar Branch	600.00
Butters	4,210.00
Center Road	5,229.41
Christ Community	600.00
Clarkton, First	5,265.51
Council	1,634.97
Cypress Creek	2,576.04
Dublin, First	17,896.29
Elizabethtown	10,157.00
Faith	693.00
Friendship	2,507.88
Galeed	9,891.00
Good News	0.00
Good Shepherd	0.00
Grace	1,756.79
Hickory Grove	3,950.00
Lisbon	2,948.28
Love Grove	914.00
New Beginnings	0.00
New Center	2,514.00
Northside	2,794.68
Peace	0.00
Richardson	835.00
Riverside	1,374.00
Sandy Grove	4,835.00
Shady Grove	5,166.66
Suggs Grove	2,614.00
Tar Heel	13,409.81
West Bladenboro	2,021.00
White Lake	4,764.33
White Oak	1,934.00
Whites Creek	2,892.15
Zion Hill	5,070.00
TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS	139,695.38
WMU Thrift Shop	0.00
NC Bapt. State Conv.	8,773.06
NC Sales Tax Refund	773.89
Seminary Extension	0.00
Miscellaneous	46,356.71
Annuals	0.00
Disaster Recovery	0.00
Basketball League	3,940.00
Higher Plain Cowboy	228.12
Open Door	127.77
TOTAL INCOME	199,894.93

BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

	2008 BUDGET		2009 BUDGET
100 EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES			
101 Sunday School	$ 1,000.00		$ 1,000.00
102 Discipleship Training	600.00		600.00
103 Brotherhood	1,000.00		1,000.00
104 WMU	1,200.00		1,200.00
105 Missions Development	300.00		300.00
106 Music	500.00		1,000.00
107 Evangelism	1,500.00		4,000.00
108 Pastoral Care	500.00		500.00
109 Audio Visual (Media)	400.00		400.00
110 Association Administration	300.00		300.00
111 Seminary Extension	300.00		300.00
112 Special Training	350.00		350.00
113 Local Missions	600.00		600.00
114 Youth Ministry	800.00		2,000.00
115 Disaster Trailer	3,000.00		2,500.00
1015 Leisure Ministry(DRJ)	2,000.00		2,000.00
TOTAL	**$ 14,350.00**		$ 18,050.00
200 ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES			
201 Postage	$ 1,500.00		$ 1,500.00
202 Office Supplies	3,000.00		3,000.00
203 Office Equipment & Maint.	1,900.00		1,900.00
204 Utilities	4,000.00		4,000.00
205 Building & Grounds Maint.	2,000.00		2,000.00
206 Insurance	2,125.00		2,125.00
207 Books & Literature	300.00		300.00
208 Services Min. Car, Travel-DOM	4,700.00		5,500.00
209 Convention & Assemblies-DOM	500.00		500.00
210 Annuity (Retirement) DOM	3,776.00		3,776.00
211 SS (Reimbursement) DOM	5,200.75		5,370.92
212 Social Security - Secretary	1,331.42		1,226.14
213 Housing & Utilities (DOM)	12,500.00		12,500.00
214 Medical Spending Fund (DOM)	1,000.00		1,000.00
215 Annuals	500.00		500.00
216 Health & Disability (DOM)	9,889.16		11,224.60
217 Secretary Annuity	1,260.00		1,260.00
TOTAL	**$ 55,482.33**		**$ 57,682.66**
300 SALARIES			
301 Director of Missions	22,538.00		22,104.08
302 Secretary	16,132.68	($1000.00 Sub)	16,777.99
303 Clerk	1,075.00		1,075.00
TOTAL	**$ 39,745.68**		**$ 39,957.07**
MISCELLANEOUS			
401 Emergency	$ 250.00		250.00
402 DOM/SEC Christmas Gift	750.00		750.00
403 Contingency	200.00		200.00
TOTAL	**$ 1,200.00**		**$ 1,200.00**
GRAND TOTAL	**$ 110,778.01**		**$ 116,889.73**

HISTORICAL TABLE-BLADEN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday and Thursday after the second Sunday in October, 1892, the Cape Fear Association met at Shady Grove Baptist Church. The Churches of Bladen County were called to a meeting later in October at Browns Creek Baptist Church to discuss the organization of a Bladen County Association. Delegates at the meeting decided to organize. On November 7, 1892, delegates from the churches of Bladen County met at the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Lisbon and organized the Bladen County Baptist Association. In the Historical Table this meeting is designated the First Annual Session. We will be featuring the last fifteen (15) Sessions.

Session	Year	Church	Moderator	Clerk	Preacher
103.	1994	Suggs Grove Northside	Jerry Beck	Marjorie Smith	David Rutland Sidney Britt
104.	1995	Tar Heel Dublin	David Rutland	Virginia Gause	Sidney Britt James Brooks
105.	1996	Hickory Grove Cypress Creek	David Rutland	Virginia Gause	James Brooks Clyde Coates
106.	1997	Center Road Friendship	Michael Thompson	Virginia Gause	Bruce Cannon Robert Boone
107.	1998	Galeed Clarkton, First	Michael Thompson	Virginia Gause	Oren Honeycutt Dewey Jackson
108.	1999	Zion Hill White Lake	Darryll Hester	Virginia Gause	Steve Butler Richard Smith
109.	2000	Bladenboro, First Elizabethtown	Darryll Hester	Virginia Gause	Dewey Jackson Orborn Gibson
110.	2001	Bethel Sandy Grove	Gene Brisson	Virginia Gause	Jerry Beck Don Coley
111.	2002	Cypress Creek Love Grove	Gene Brisson	Virginia Gause	Richard Smith Randy Andrews
112.	2003	Butters Shady Grove	Richard Smith	Virginia Gause	Randy Andrews Warren Hill
113.	2004	Galeed Northside	Richard Smith	Virginia Gause	J. S. (Bud) Parrish Lorenzo Torres
114.	2005	Friendship Whites Creek	Dewey Jackson	Virginia Gause	Marty Dupree, BSC Mike Penry
115.	2006	Dublin, First Riverside	Dewey Jackson	Virginia Gause	Scott Lewis David Coleman
116.	2007	White Lake Suggs Grove	Scott Lewis	Virginia Gause	Cameron McGill Bruce Martin
117.	2008	Clarkton, First White Oak	Scott Lewis	Virginia Gause	Kincy Barrow Dr. George Braswell

2008 DIGEST SUMMARY
Bladen Association

Church Name	TM	TB	OA	SSE	SSA	VBS	DT	MM	WMU	BM	TR	CP	AG	OSBC	NSBC
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	145	0	0	30	20	0	0	0	0	0	40,187	4,035	2,017	0	0
Beards Chapel, Garland	117	0	5	79	48	51	0	16	0	0	56,266	1,000	1,000	0	1,000
Bethel, Bladenboro	334	9	4	129	81	76	0	35	38	23	160,111	2,000	2,700	0	0
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	334	0	5	259	155	120	0	38	20	18	461,814	6,547	9,036	0	0
Briar Branch, Garland	132	4	0	42	21	64	0	0	0	0	48,000	0	600	300	0
Butters, Bladenboro	206	0	2	134	93	105	35	67	34	20	232,450	3,200	3,200	4,128	22,878
Center Road, Bladenboro	362	11	0	133	95	130	56	57	30	14	251,198	33,014	4,954	0	0
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	35	1	0	47	22	23	0	0	0	0	40,551	0	300	0	2,700
Clarkton First,	320	1	5	134	65	58	36	30	76	0	175,043	11,821	5,179	6,326	1,828
Council, Council	76	1	2	15	12	0	0	0	0	0	31,228	300	1,228	0	0
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	73	2	0	51	30	33	0	19	9	0	47,770	840	1,881	0	0
Dublin First, Dublin	522	24	26	367	197	332	258	55	107	75	519,708	18,066	14,430	4,699	8,474
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	492	4	0	329	121	105	0	97	47	0	707,494	22,000	8,400	0	0
Faith, White Oak	98	1	3	40	20	22	0	23	14	0	23,855	200	710	0	825
Friendship, Garland	108	0	0	36	27	0	0	26	26	7	55,342	1,029	2,059	3,431	900
Galeed, Bladenboro	630	9	17	294	188	178	145	75	76	71	511,044	30,000	7,500	17,826	22,291
Good News, Bladenboro	51	4	2	51	30	25	49	13	16	14	2,000	200	0	0	0
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	200	18	0	70	130	0	0	0	0	0	18,000	0	0	0	0
Grace, Bladenboro	111	2	3	170	75	90	58	25	30	17	74,323	2,631	1,755	200	0
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	340	3	2	144	84	87	97	48	36	51	159,828	7,500	2,000	0	0
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lisbon, Clarkton	203	27	16	116	68	85	0	57	44	20	173,537	3,000	2,000	0	1,194
Love Grove, Tar Heel	205	6	6	96	63	107	0	40	64	33	79,352	0	900	0	1,950
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	54	8	0	25	25	0	0	9	0	0	28,800	0	0	0	600
New Center, Bladenboro	127	3	2	70	45	55	30	33	16	0	78,000	1,000	1,500	0	3,500
Northside, Bladenboro	235	3	7	112	92	187	55	40	38	37	163,264	6,920	2,480	3,000	2,500
Peace, Bladenboro	15	0	0	7	7	18	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	122	6	12	66	30	47	18	32	42	38	48,325	0	960	400	797
Riverside, Harrells	158	1	0	33	26	51	0	18	9	0	80,474	0	1,360	2,165	2,525
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	294	3	3	115	70	105	48	25	18	15	110,609	6,000	4,800	0	0
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	236	0	0	83	40	75	0	40	14	7	106,094	5,000	4,700	53	750
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	178	0	0	55	35	32	0	18	12	8	79,301	1,260	2,500	923	0
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	318	7	4	169	97	103	73	53	47	27	184,413	10,286	10,286	0	790

TM - Total Membership
TB - Total Baptisms
OA - Other Additions
SSE - Bible Study Enrollment
SSA - Bible Study Avg Attendance
VBS - Vacation Bible School Enrollment
DT - Discipleship Training Enrollment
MM - Music Ministry Enrollment
WMU - Women's Mission Organizations Enrollment
BM - Baptist Men's Organizations Enrollment
TR - Total Receipts
CP - Cooperative Program Gifts
AG - Association Gifts
OSBC - Other SBC Mission Gifts
NSBC - Non-SBC Mission Gifts

2008 DIGEST SUMMARY
Bladen Association

Church Name	TM	TB	OA	SSE	SSA	VBS	DT	MM	WMU	BM	TR	CP	AG	OSBC	NSBC
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	235	3	4	64	45	68	0	23	18	15	86,454	1,000	2,000	1,507	0
White Lake, Elizabethtown	254	1	0	28	25	17	17	13	15	0	67,812	2,174	2,174	0	430
White Oak, White Oak	236	2	3	76	46	120	0	31	15	8	78,576	1,000	1,800	0	750
White's Creek, Clarkton	259	0	0	104	40	115	25	17	24	21	56,470	1,999	1,233	0	0
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	192	0	4	102	69	137	56	42	50	22	205,508	7,500	4,000	1,280	700
Association Totals	8,007	164	137	3,875	2,337	2,821	1,074	1,115	985	561	5,243,201	191,522	111,642	46,238	77,382

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Bladen Association

2008 MEMBERSHIP, CONGREGATION, & BAPTISM INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	Year Organized	Year Pastor Came	BAPTISMS	OTHER ADDITIONS	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	1870	1996	0	0	145	80
Beards Chapel, Garland	1888	2008	0	5	117	68
Bethel, Bladenboro	1881	0	9	4	334	231
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	1911	2003	0	5	334	291
Briar Branch, Garland	1845	2004	4	0	132	81
Butters, Bladenboro	1932	2005	0	2	206	206
Center Road, Bladenboro	1885	0	11	0	362	268
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	1987	1987	1	0	35	35
Clarkton First,	1884	2005	1	5	320	207
Council, Council	1912	2003	1	2	76	33
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	1853	1995	2	0	73	66
Dublin First, Dublin	1950	2000	24	26	522	482
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	1903	0	4	0	492	426
Faith, White Oak	1978	2003	1	3	98	58
Friendship, Garland	1976	0	0	0	108	71
Galeed, Bladenboro	1876	2007	9	17	630	448
Good News, Bladenboro	2001	2001	4	2	51	51
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	1995	1996	18	0	200	140
Grace, Bladenboro	1957	2007	2	3	111	80
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	1834	0	3	2	340	330
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lisbon, Clarkton	1870	2007	27	16	203	132
Love Grove, Tar Heel	1872	0	6	6	205	149
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	2002	2008	8	0	54	33
New Center, Bladenboro	1947	1986	3	2	127	80
Northside, Bladenboro	1954	2003	3	7	235	219
Peace, Bladenboro	1989	1991	0	0	15	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	1914	2007	6	12	122	86
Riverside, Harrells	1924	2008	1	0	158	78
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	1873	2005	3	3	294	213
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	1885	2003	0	0	236	194
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	1832	0	0	0	178	127
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	1872	2008	7	4	318	184
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	1917	2003	3	4	235	108
White Lake, Elizabethtown	1832	2007	1	0	254	116
White Oak, White Oak	1859	2006	2	3	236	107
White's Creek, Clarkton	1914	2003	0	0	259	216
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	1885	0	0	4	192	119
TOTALS			164	137	8,007	5,813

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2008 BIBLE STUDY INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	TOTAL SS ENROLLMENT	PRESCHOOL	CHILDREN	YOUTH	ADULTS 18-24	ADULTS 25-34	ADULTS 35-54	ADULTS 55-64	ADULTS 65-Up	OFFICERS	Other BIBLE STUDY	SS AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	VBS
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	30	0	0	0	0	0	'SS_35_54	0	0	4	Sunday School Other	20	0
Beards Chapel, Garland	79	0	0	0	5	5	'SS_35_54	0	23	3	Sunday School Other	48	51
Bethel, Bladenboro	129	0	0	0	8	14	'SS_35_54	0	24	4	Sunday School Other	81	76
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	259	0	0	0	15	6	'SS_35_54	0	82	7	Sunday School Other	155	120
Briar Branch, Garland	42	0	0	0	0	4	'SS_35_54	0	9	5	Sunday School Other	21	64
Butters, Bladenboro	134	0	0	0	8	13	'SS_35_54	0	27	0	Sunday School Other	93	105
Center Road, Bladenboro	133	0	0	0	7	28	'SS_35_54	0	13	6	Sunday School Other	95	130
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	47	0	0	0	1	3	'SS_35_54	0	8	1	Sunday School Other	22	23
Clarkton First,	134	0	0	0	13	3	'SS_35_54	0	36	5	Sunday School Other	65	58
Council, Council	15	0	0	0	0	0	'SS_35_54	0	6	1	Sunday School Other	12	0
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	51	0	0	0	1	12	'SS_35_54	0	11	3	Sunday School Other	30	33
Dublin First, Dublin	367	0	0	0	22	71	'SS_35_54	0	51	2	Sunday School Other	197	332
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	329	0	0	0	38	32	'SS_35_54	0	95	7	Sunday School Other	121	105
Faith, White Oak	40	0	0	0	1	5	'SS_35_54	0	5	1	Sunday School Other	20	22
Friendship, Garland	36	0	0	0	0	0	'SS_35_54	0	8	1	Sunday School Other	27	0
Galeed, Bladenboro	294	0	0	0	18	16	'SS_35_54	0	36	7	Sunday School Other	188	178
Good News, Bladenboro	51	0	0	0	3	8	'SS_35_54	0	7	7	Sunday School Other	30	25
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	70	0	0	0	9	45	'SS_35_54	0	0	0	Sunday School Other	130	0
Grace, Bladenboro	170	0	0	0	9	19	'SS_35_54	0	12	2	Sunday School Other	75	90
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	144	0	0	0	15	20	'SS_35_54	0	25	2	Sunday School Other	84	87
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	'SS_35_54	0	0	0	Sunday School Other	0	0

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Lisbon, Clarkton	116	0	0	0	4	13	'SS_35_54	0	14	3	Sunday School Other	68	85
Love Grove, Tar Heel	96	0	0	0	6	10	'SS_35_54	0	5	1	Sunday School Other	63	107
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	25	0	0	0	1	3	'SS_35_54	0	0	0	Sunday School Other	25	0
New Center, Bladenboro	70	0	0	0	5	4	'SS_35_54	0	10	3	Sunday School Other	45	55
Northside, Bladenboro	112	0	0	0	11	10	'SS_35_54	0	8	3	Sunday School Other	92	187
Peace, Bladenboro	7	0	0	0	0	0	'SS_35_54	0	0	0	Sunday School Other	7	18
Richardson, Bladenboro	66	0	0	0	10	7	'SS_35_54	0	8	0	Sunday School Other	30	47
Riverside, Harrells	33	0	0	0	0	2	'SS_35_54	0	7	3	Sunday School Other	26	51
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	115	0	0	0	6	18	'SS_35_54	0	34	2	Sunday School Other	70	105
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	83	0	0	0	2	8	'SS_35_54	0	12	13	Sunday School Other	40	75
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	55	0	0	0	3	2	'SS_35_54	0	16	5	Sunday School Other	35	32
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	169	0	0	0	11	25	'SS_35_54	0	28	1	Sunday School Other	97	103
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	64	0	0	0	1	2	'SS_35_54	0	14	2	Sunday School Other	45	68
White Lake, Elizabethtown	28	0	0	0	0	2	'SS_35_54	0	9	2	Sunday School Other	25	17
White Oak, White Oak	76	0	0	0	7	4	'SS_35_54	0	13	2	Sunday School Other	46	120
White's Creek, Clarkton	104	0	0	0	6	18	'SS_35_54	0	10	3	Sunday School Other	40	115
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	102	0	0	0	3	5	'SS_35_54	0	23	2	Sunday School Other	69	137
TOTALS	3,875	0	0	0	249	437	666	0	689	113	0	2,337	2,821

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2008 PROGRAM INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	DISCIPLESHIP DEVELOPMENT ENROLLMENT	MUSIC MINISTRY ENROLLMENT	WMU ENROLLMENT	BAPTIST MEN ENROLLMENT	MISSION PROJECT INFORMATION
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	0	0	0	0	0
Beards Chapel, Garland	0	16	0	0	0
Bethel, Bladenboro	0	35	38	23	260
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	0	38	20	18	0
Briar Branch, Garland	0	0	0	0	0
Butters, Bladenboro	35	67	34	20	2
Center Road, Bladenboro	56	57	30	14	50
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	0	21
Clarkton First,	36	30	76	0	235
Council, Council	0	0	0	0	0
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	0	19	9	0	0
Dublin First, Dublin	258	55	107	75	106
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	0	97	47	0	35
Faith, White Oak	0	23	14	0	0
Friendship, Garland	0	26	26	7	0
Galeed, Bladenboro	145	75	76	71	108
Good News, Bladenboro	49	13	16	14	5
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	0	0
Grace, Bladenboro	58	25	30	17	18
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	97	48	36	51	64
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	0	0	0	0	0
Lisbon, Clarkton	0	57	44	20	10
Love Grove, Tar Heel	0	40	64	33	50
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	0	9	0	0	54
New Center, Bladenboro	30	33	16	0	0
Northside, Bladenboro	55	40	38	37	75
Peace, Bladenboro	18	0	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	18	32	42	38	48
Riverside, Harrells	0	18	9	0	0
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	48	25	18	15	0
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	0	40	14	7	42
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	0	18	12	8	13
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	73	53	47	27	110
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	0	23	18	15	7
White Lake, Elizabethtown	17	13	15	0	0
White Oak, White Oak	0	31	15	8	8
White's Creek, Clarkton	25	17	24	21	0
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	56	42	50	22	41
TOTALS	1,074	1,115	985	561	1,362

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2008 MISSION FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	ASSOCIATION	SBC	NON-SBC	MISSION OFFERING GIVING		
					STATE	NATIONAL	INTERNATIONAL
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	4,035	2,017	0	0	0	165	0
Beards Chapel, Garland	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	200	0	0
Bethel, Bladenboro	2,000	2,700	0	0	1,696	1,936	2,813
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	6,547	9,036	0	0	0	1,201	1,161
Briar Branch, Garland	0	600	0	0	0	0	0
Butters, Bladenboro	3,200	3,200	0	22,878	500	1,177	2,044
Center Road, Bladenboro	33,014	4,954	0	0	0	3,916	8,991
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	0	300	0	2,700	0	0	162
Clarkton First,	11,821	5,179	0	1,828	300	550	1,281
Council, Council	300	1,228	0	0	500	285	500
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	840	1,881	0	0	1,743	1,624	1,373
Dublin First, Dublin	18,066	14,430	0	8,474	335	3,500	3,192
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	22,000	8,400	0	0	231	395	761
Faith, White Oak	200	710	0	825	0	0	0
Friendship, Garland	1,029	2,059	0	900	0	585	460
Galeed, Bladenboro	30,000	7,500	0	22,291	11,901	5,040	7,493
Good News, Bladenboro	200	0	0	0	0	0	200
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grace, Bladenboro	2,631	1,755	0	0	0	500	322
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	7,500	2,000	0	0	1,065	5,774	1,449
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lisbon, Clarkton	3,000	2,000	0	1,194	0	1,035	1,183
Love Grove, Tar Heel	0	900	0	1,950	0	0	225
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	0	0	0	600	0	0	0
New Center, Bladenboro	1,000	1,500	0	3,500	750	1,000	1,000
Northside, Bladenboro	6,920	2,480	0	2,500	0	2,052	1,910
Peace, Bladenboro	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	0	960	0	797	89	71	368
Riverside, Harrells	0	1,360	0	2,525	0	1,071	807
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	6,000	4,800	0	0	245	3,240	5,167
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	5,000	4,700	0	750	1,541	2,000	2,433
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	1,260	2,500	0	0	715	1,210	668
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	10,286	10,286	0	790	1,221	883	2,956
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	1,000	2,000	0	0	500	1,020	1,077
White Lake, Elizabethtown	2,174	2,174	0	430	200	147	594
White Oak, White Oak	1,000	1,800	0	750	0	405	615
White's Creek, Clarkton	1,999	1,233	0	0	0	347	535
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	7,500	4,000	0	700	2,000	1,856	3,333
TOTALS	**191,522**	**111,642**	**0**	**77,382**	**25,732**	**42,985**	**55,073**

Bladen Association
2008 GENERAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CHURCH NAME	UNDESIGNATED RECEIPTS	DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	OTHER RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	PROPERTY VALUE
Abbottsburg, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	2,188	0	40,187	450,000
Beards Chapel, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	2,600	0	56,266	200,000
Bethel, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	40,255	0	160,111	1,772,400
Bladenboro First, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	123,276	0	461,814	1,800,000
Briar Branch, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	48,000	350,000
Butters, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	4,490	0	232,450	250,000
Center Road, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	17,139	0	251,198	750,000
Christ Community, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	8,921	883	40,551	200,000
Clarkton First,	'Undesignated Gifts	25,045	4,270	175,043	1,500,000
Council, Council	'Undesignated Gifts	9,015	0	31,228	75,000
Cypress Creek Missionary, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	9,297	0	47,770	300,000
Dublin First, Dublin	'Undesignated Gifts	120,635	31,500	519,708	2,900,000
Elizabethtown, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	143,696	43,544	707,494	6,000,000
Faith, White Oak	'Undesignated Gifts	1,007	142	23,855	150,000
Friendship, Garland	'Undesignated Gifts	3,746	0	55,342	942,000
Galeed, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	183,864	107	511,044	2,036,400
Good News, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	2,000	305,000
Good Shepherd Hispanic, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	18,000	350,000
Grace, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	2,934	0	74,323	250,000
Hickory Grove, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	44,324	7,936	159,828	3,500,000
Higher Plain Cowboy Church	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	0	0
Lisbon, Clarkton	'Undesignated Gifts	14,671	1,325	173,537	355,000
Love Grove, Tar Heel	'Undesignated Gifts	2,832	590	79,352	750,000
New Beginnings Fellowship, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	28,800	0
New Center, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	2,500	0	78,000	750,000
Northside, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	18,862	0	163,264	275,000
Peace, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	0	0	0	0
Richardson, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	15,025	0	48,325	500,000
Riverside, Harrells	'Undesignated Gifts	17,237	0	80,474	350,000
Sandy Grove, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	12,944	0	110,609	1,655,000

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CHURCH NAME	UNDESIGNATED RECEIPTS	DESIGNATED RECEIPTS	OTHER RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS	PROPERTY VALUE
Shady Grove, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	8,941	0	106,094	750,000
Suggs Grove, Fayetteville	'Undesignated Gifts	4,794	1,799	79,301	1,560,000
Tar Heel, Tar Heel	'Undesignated Gifts	5,739	0	184,413	1,570,000
West Bladenboro, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	5,041	0	86,454	1,196,000
White Lake, Elizabethtown	'Undesignated Gifts	5,557	11,000	67,812	0
White Oak, White Oak	'Undesignated Gifts	12,442	0	78,576	850,000
White's Creek, Clarkton	'Undesignated Gifts	670	0	56,470	825,000
Zion Hill, Bladenboro	'Undesignated Gifts	11,653	4,800	205,508	800,000
TOTALS	4,253,965	881,340	107,896	5,243,201	36,266,800

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The Bladen Baptist Association was organized in 1892. The Association now consists of thirty-six churches and one (Hispanic) mission.

Love Grove Baptist Church
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The Cedar Creek Association minutes of 1872 tell of a "newly constituted church in Bladen County" which was represented at that meeting by Willis Allen. The church was organized as Mount Olive. Elder F. A. Prevatte was the Pastor. According to the public records, James Burney gave a building located about a mile north of Nathan Bryan's mill. Only the building was given for the use and benefit of the members of the Mount Olive Church "so long as it is a place of a Religious Society, it can, if they see fit to, have Sunday School there." According to the deed the house could never be moved and could be used "for nothing but Christian Society as Baptist." Witnesses to the deed were D. M. Singletary, Willis Allen and J.B. Allen. Elias Johnson was one of the pastors of the church while it was located there.

The next site of worship was at the end of the street or the fork of the road about three hundred yards from the site of the present church. The period of time when this site was used for the church is not known. In 1895, Mrs. Emma Love deeded to D. M. Singletary, Trustee of Love Grove Baptist Church one-half acre of land to be used only for a church. The church was not to be used for school purposes, nor any of the land for burial purposes. A wooden building was constructed on this site in 1917. A brick veneer has been added to this building. A fellowship hall and six new classrooms were added to the physical plant at the same time the interior of the building was remodeled.

The minutes of the Bladen Baptist Association of November, 1895, state that "An invitation was extended to churches desiring to unite with this body. Corinth and Love Grove Churches responded with letters of dismission from Cedar Creek Association which were read, the churches duly received and the right hand of fellowship extended to the delegates" According to the Associational minutes Love Grove was reorganized and admitted to the Bladen Baptist Association in 1958.

In 2000 Love Grove purchased a church van. The youth puppet team performed at 12 churches, had a float in the Blueberry Festival and Tar Heel Fun Day parades; started a children's church for 3 - 5 year olds in 2001; completed a new multipurpose building in 2004 and installed a flag pole; between 2005 and 2007 the fellowship hall was remodeled with new heating and air conditioning systems; kitchen was renovated. A mission trip was taken in 2002 to Spruce Pines; a small church in the North Carolina mountains. In 2005 two members, Brian and Billy Bush went to Mississippi to help repair homes devastated by Hurricane Katrina. As a mission project in 2007, the youth handed out water and witnessed to people on North Carolina beaches. In 2008 members participated in "Operation In-As-Much" by repairing homes and cleaning yards for senior citizens.

In 2008 Dwight Holland was ordained as a deacon. Pastors who have served this church include W. L. Brisson, R. L. Byrd, R. A. Hedgpeth, W. D. Pridgen, Curtis Brisson, C. R. Hinton, E. H. Canady, N. B. Edge, George H. Wallace, Wilbur Edwards, D. M. Clemmons, J. R. Burns, J. Wade Fowler, Gaston Hester, James W. Martin, Orban Gibson, Bobby McDowell, Milton McCormick, Phil Lloyd, and Randy Andrews.

Since its reorganization, Love Grove has continued to grow in numbers and in the work of the Lord. The church has had an active Sunday School almost since its organization. It now has an active Woman's Missionary Union, a Brotherhood, and youth organizations.

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M., 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Service 7:00 P.M., Youth Meeting 7:00 P.M.
WMU 2nd Wednesday 7:00 P.M. & Brotherhood 2nd Wednesday 7:00 P.M.